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ROSS'S GULL AT NIAGARA FALLS

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Sunday, January 27, 2008 started like many other winter weekend days for Betsy Potter and me—meeting Jean Iron of Toronto, Ontario and Kevin McLaughlin of Hamilton, Ontario at the Sir Adam Beck overlook on the Niagara River. For the avid gull-watcher, the Niagara River provides loads of gulls to look over, with a bewildering variety of shapes and plumages to ponder and discuss. We really enjoy studying gulls and, of course, there is always the chance for an exciting rarity. It is not unusual for us to stay at one place for hours and we have been known to bird only one or two spots on the river for the entire day. This day was like that—the morning was spent at Sir Adam Beck, overlooking the New York and Ontario power plants, and the afternoon was spent below the control gates, looking over the gulls feeding and resting above Niagara Falls.

Other than seeing over 15 Iceland Gulls at the power plants, my notes from the day are dominated by one bird. We saw it around 2:00 at the control gates from the Ontario side. Feeling empowered by my new spotting scope, I was searching through ever more distant flocks of loafing gulls in search of a Glaucous Gull, a species we had managed to see only in flight so far this day. My search was stopped short by a small gull on the ice in front of Goat Island, about a half-mile away and across the river from where we stood. The strangeness of this gull struck me immediately and Bonaparte's Gull, the expected small-gull species, never entered my mind. However, not wanting to falsely raise the hopes of the others, I kept the possible identification to myself. After all, at this distance, I could easily be mistaken. Nevertheless, the others knew that I might have something really good, based upon my obvious excitement, as well as my relative incoherence!

The others were having great difficulty finding the bird in their scopes. Indeed, I could not even find it for them, an indication of just how far away this bird was. But finally, after what seemed like an eternity, all four of us were watching the gull. I was becoming convinced of its identity and the others were not disagreeing. It was an adult Ross's Gull! After studying the bird for five to ten minutes, we agreed that we had to cross the bridge back into the United States in order to properly document it—that is, to take recognizable photographs.

It was a tense 15-minute drive behind some of the world's slowest drivers but when Betsy and I arrived at Goat Island, I found the Ross's Gull on the ice very quickly. I started digiscoping immediately while Betsy phoned Jean and

Kevin to let them know that the bird was still there. Unfortunately, they were held up by the Customs officer for five minutes and it cost them a chance for the much closer view which we briefly enjoyed. The bird flew shortly after I started photographing it and neither Betsy nor I could follow it as it went directly into the line of the sun, which temporarily blinded us.

We alerted others and before the end of daylight, over a dozen birders were assembled on Goat Island. They left disappointed, however, as the bird was not found again until the next day. The Ross's Gull was seen every day during the work-week, and to the dismay of many, disappeared before the following weekend when there were literally hundreds of birders on the Ontario and New York sides of the Niagara River looking for it.

Status of Ross's Gull

Ross's Gulls breed in the arctic and rarely venture very far south of the breeding grounds. Formerly considered an extreme rarity, the first continental United States Ross's Gull was not discovered until 1975—in Newburyport, Massachusetts. This bird is credited with helping to jump-start the growth of birding in North America. People from across the continent came to the Bay State to see this little gem and birders suddenly realized "that they were many"! (Quote from *The Feather Quest* by Pete Dunne.) There have been several other sightings since then but the species is still not recorded annually south of the arctic in North America. The Buffalo Ornithological Society (B.O.S.) study area, which includes much of the Niagara Peninsula of Ontario, may well have the highest number of records of Ross's Gull away from the arctic (five), of any comparably-sized area. On November 12, 1995 Glenn Coady found the first for the Niagara River at the river's source in Fort Erie, Ontario, across from Buffalo. This wide-ranging bird was seen throughout the 32-mile length of the river and also ten miles to the west of the river's mouth at Port Weller, Ontario. Sightings were very intermittent between the original sighting and January 1, 1996 when it was found for the final time, back at its original spot in Fort Erie (D'Anna 1996, Dobos 1997)! In 2001 Ron Scovell of Toronto, Ontario found and Mark Cranford of Mississauga, Ontario identified the second one on the river, flying in the mist below Niagara Falls. This was a one-day wonder, appearing only on December 1, 2002 (Crins 2003).

The first record for the B.O.S. study area was of a bird found by Kevin McLaughlin, Rob Dobos, and Barb Charlton, all of Hamilton, while conducting a Christmas Bird Count at Port Weller, Ontario on December 18, 1994 (Dobos 1996). Port Weller is where the Welland Canal, a major Great Lakes shipping route, connects with Lake Ontario. The three observers watched the Ross's Gull until it was completely dark, convinced that it had gone to roost for the night. The next morning at dawn, dozens of birders arrived, hoping for their lifer Ross's Gull, this writer included. After much unsuccessful searching from one side of the canal, someone decided to check the exact spot where the gull was seen to go to roost, on the other side. What they found was, as one birder put it,

a tragedy—a pile of Ross's Gull feathers! The first record for the Region had become a victim of owl predation! The feathers were deposited at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto.

Amazingly, a little over two months later, another Ross's Gull was found at Port Weller—this one by David Milsom and Roy Baker of Toronto on February 26, 1995 (Dobos 1996). With the appearance put in by the first Niagara River bird on November 27 and 28, 1995, the tiny location of Port Weller now claims three records of this arctic jewel, the same as for the Niagara River, and all within a 12-month span! All five of the Port Weller and Niagara River records appear to involve adults although it is possible that one or more cannot be ruled out as pertaining to birds in their second-winter.

In addition to the three Niagara River sightings described above, New York has had five other records accepted by the Avian Records Committee. The first was a single-observer sighting of a bird in first-winter plumage from Montauk, Long Island, in Suffolk County, on December 11, 1986 by Jack Reddall (NYSARC 1987, Reddall 1988). In two consecutive years, an adult appeared at Point Lookout, Long Island, in Nassau County—on March 17, 1994 found by Emanuel Levine, Lester Feldman, and Alvin Wollin (Levine 1995, NYSARC 1996) and on March 12, 1995 found by Robert Kurtz (NYSARC 1998). The only New York record away from the coast and Great Lakes involved an adult bird seen by Christopher Tessaglia-Hymes on Cayuga Lake, Tompkins County on January 12, 1995 (NYSARC 1998). The only other New York record is of a bird in first-winter plumage found at Irondequoit Bay, Monroe County by Robert Spahn on January 9, 2003 (Spahn 2003, NYSARC 2006).

Description and Identification

I was only able to compare the Ross's Gull with Ring-billed Gulls and I have not seen any photographs of it that also show Bonaparte's Gulls. As a result I can say only that it was a small gull, clearly much smaller than a Ring-billed Gull. It had a rounded head and a very short bill. The bill appeared much shorter than on a Bonaparte's Gull, a species with which I am very familiar. There was a patch of dark feathering around each eye, especially in the front, and a small dark auricular spot. There was no dark cap, as would be shown by a Little Gull. The bird's apparent size and the features of the head just described are what struck me when I first saw it, making me immediately suspect that I was looking at a Ross's Gull.

Since I never saw the bird in flight, my description rests upon observation of the bird as it stood on the ice and from photographs. Most of the head and the entire ventral body, from the throat through the undertail coverts, were white but there was a very pale pinkish wash visible on the belly. The back and wing coverts were very pale gray. In fact the bird blended in very well with the snow and ice, making it difficult to pick up. The outermost primaries were visible as the bird preened and, even at the great distance of our initial observation, we could see that the color of the gray mantle extended all the way to the tips of the

outer primaries. That is, there was no white on the trailing edge of these primaries. At the closer distance, from Goat Island, I could easily see the narrow black outer web of the outermost primary. The underside of the far primary tips, when viewed in good light, appeared gray and not appreciably different in value from the tone of the upperside. The tail was white but the shape was never observed. Scott Whittle's flight shots clearly show the typical wedge shape of a Ross's Gull's tail as well as the relatively dark underwings that are about the same value as the upperwings. The very short thin bill was dark, appearing blackish, and the legs were bright red. The large-appearing eyes were dark.

The expected small gull on the Niagara River is the Bonaparte's Gull, which is often abundant. This species is easily ruled out by the tiny bill, dark feathering around the eye, wing pattern, and wedge-shaped tail. Little Gull is the most similar but it is also easily ruled out by the tiny bill, dark feathering around the eye, lack of a dark cap, wing pattern (differences apparent both above and below), pointed as opposed to rounded wingtips, and the wedge-shaped tail. This Ross's Gull's identity is clearly established by photos I took from Goat Island on the day of discovery, and by many excellent photos taken later by others, including Joe Mitchell of Buffalo and Scott Whittle of New York City. See Figure A on page 153 for two photos by Michael Harvey from January 30.

The Ross's Gull was observed on a few occasions over the rapids above Niagara Falls, where it would feed with Bonaparte's Gulls or all by itself. It was also sometimes found standing in the rocky shallows with Bonaparte's Gulls. Unlike previous Ross's Gulls in the B.O.S. study area, which always associated with Bonaparte's Gulls, this bird was as likely to be seen with Ring-billed Gulls. When first discovered at Goat Island, it was standing near but slightly apart from Ring-billed Gulls with no Bonaparte's Gulls visible in the vicinity. When seen in the Goat Island parking lot, it also associated with Ring-billed Gulls.

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NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS

FIRST SCOTT'S ORIOLE IN NEW YORK STATE

On 4 Dec 2007, at about 3:00 pm under overcast skies, I spotted a bird in Union Square Park, Manhattan, which I was unable to identify. I suspected that it was an icterid because it had a slender pointed bill, but I wasn't sure about the species. About an hour later, I was able to point out the bird to Lenore Swenson, who identified it as an oriole. In addition to having the bill of an icterid, it had two white wing bars, a yellow-green breast, and a dark brown hood flecked with yellow in contrast to a dark gray back. By a process of elimination we knew it wasn't a Baltimore Oriole so that left only Orchard Oriole, if range alone was considered. We knew that that was unlikely too because Orchard Orioles are not found here after August. Lenore tentatively identified the bird as an Orchard Oriole, probably an immature male. We weren't satisfied with that identification but didn't venture to speculate on other possibilities such as Scott's, Hooded, or Audubon's, which we dismissed as being too farfetched. Subsequently, on 22 Jan 2008, I again observed the same unknown oriole in Union Square Park and I asked Ardith Bondi to photograph the bird. On 23 Jan Ardith photographed it and then posted her photographs on her website and sent out a notice on the listserv NYSBIRDS-L. This bird, in addition to the field marks already noted,

also had a dark bib down its breast (which was not noticeable in December) and dark streaking or mottling on its back. The bird was identified by numerous observers as a first year male Scott's Oriole based on several field marks: its dark-hooded, yellow-bellied appearance; the mottled or streaky pattern on the back, which is present in Scott's but not in Orchard Oriole; and its relatively long and very straight bill. This appears to be the first sighting of a Scott's Oriole in New York State.

The Scott's Oriole was observed over the course of the next few weeks in Union Square Park feeding on the contents of holes made in Viburnum stalks by a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. It also was observed feeding on bread and bananas and other fruit, at times chasing away European Starlings and House Sparrows from this food. It also was observed to have several fights with a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker whom it routinely chased away from the sapsucker holes.

The Scott's Oriole stayed at Union Square through 22 Feb 2008 and was observed by many birders and others almost daily during that period (see Fig. C, p. 155). It may just be coincidence, but a short time before the Scott's Oriole disappeared from Union Square Park, the Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was no longer seen in the park. The next sighting of the Scott's Oriole was on 31 Mar 2008, in Tompkins Square Park. This is another small park in lower Manhattan less than one mile from Union Square Park. The last day I saw the Scott's Oriole was on 1 Apr, in Tompkins Square Park. On that day Ardith and I observed the bird and she photographed it. We both observed that between feeding on the contents of drillings made by a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, also on the stalks of a Viburnum bush, it flew up into a tree and sang several times. Its plumage looked similar to that in February, although if you study the photographs over time, you can see that the bib had become a more solid black color and extended a little further down the breast compared to the bib on the bird in February.

Scott's Oriole breeds in the southwestern United States and overwinters in Mexico. It has been described as prone to vagrancy both to the north and northeast of its usual range. Recently Scott's Oriole has been sighted in winter in Pennsylvania and Kentucky. In light of the these sightings, as well as the first sighting in New York State, it will be interesting to see if there are more occurrences of Scott's Oriole east of the Mississippi in winter.

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SIX GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GEESE AT LIDO BEACH, NASSAU COUNTY

On 23 Jan 2008 I discovered a flock of six Greater White-fronted Geese on a lawn at Camp Anchor, Lido Beach, Nassau County. I believe that this number is unprecedented in our area, and that the photos clearly show the ID as correct (Figure D, p. 156). Unfortunately, there are no photos with all of the birds together. They were not banded, and were very wary.

Through the magic of cell phones, Sam Jannazzo was able to get down to Camp Anchor in time to meet me and corroborate the sighting. We saw the geese fly over to the golf course at Lido Beach, where we followed. We both saw them on the ground twice and in flight twice at the golf course, before they flew off. I saw on the LIBirding website that the six geese were subsequently seen back at Camp Anchor on about 10 Feb 2008, but the observer's full name was not given. As far as I know, this was the only other sighting of these birds.
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NORTHERN SHRIKE PREYS ON DOWNY WOODPECKER

On 9 Dec 2008 while birding Dune Rd., along the ocean coast of central Suffolk County, I stopped to take a look at a flock of juncos and other songbirds flitting to-and-fro across the road. Here, I chanced upon an Orange-crowned Warbler. Waiting to photograph the warbler, I was distracted by a fluttering of wings in the pines a few feet away, followed by 30 seconds to a minute of spine-tingling shrieking and more fluttering of wings. I had no idea what was making the noise and at first considered two birds in a territorial dispute—but wrong time of year, surely?—and was just considering the possibility of a Sharp-shinned Hawk when the answer suddenly flew across the road in front of me: an immature Northern Shrike carrying a male Downy Woodpecker by the neck. The woodpecker was very much alive, still shrieking and frantically flapping its wings. Despite this difficult cargo, the shrike flew straight into the middle of a bush and deftly impaled the woodpecker on some thorns. It then set to work ripping the tissue away from the back of the head and neck. The woodpecker struggled but could do nothing; a bloodied thorn was pushed right through its neck. Only when the shrike had exposed its skull and apparently punctured it, did the Downy stop twitching. The shrike consumed the brains and then severed the head entirely from the body before starting work on the torso from the neck stump. It was remarkably oblivious to my presence just a few feet way, barely pausing in its work when I moved to get a better view and take some photos. All this time, Black-capped Chickadees, Yellow-rumped Warblers and even the Orange-crowned Warbler were vigorously scolding the shrike just inches away. Sadly, they were briefly joined by a female Downy Woodpecker. I quietly left the scene but returned about 40 minutes later. The shrike was teed up on the top of a nearby bush and the woodpecker carcass still hung in the same place, presumably to be finished off later. One gets used to seeing hawks or gulls catch and devour small birds but seeing a shrike do this with such professionalism reminds me why they are known as 'butcher-birds'!
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THE 108TH CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT IN NEW YORK STATE

The data below were collected and edited by a team of volunteers, including several individual compilers. Once again, much of the information presented here was collected, with permission, directly from The National Audubon Society's Birdsource site:

< http://www.audubon.org/bird/cbc/>

Although we have attempted to transcribe the data as accurately as possible, we are aware that errors occur, and we invite compilers and participants to send clarification or corrigenda where appropriate. Furthermore, many discrepancies exist within the database itself, especially between the numbers of participants mentioned in the effort totals vs. the names actually listed. As compilers ourselves, we suspect that many participants are choosing not to pay the $5 fee to Audubon, resulting in their efforts being acknowledged only anonymously in the effort totals. We strongly encourage individual compilers to contribute data for the 109th CBC directly to *The Kingbird.* Doing so provides an opportunity to include data concerning effort and participants that are difficult or impossible to find on the website, and also allows compilers to present the most up to date documentation and details for unusual records. Compilers interested in doing so are urged to contact the Editor of *The Kingbird* or their Regional Editors for a template.

Researchers and other users of CBC data are advised that we made no effort to distinguish NYS observations from observations in other states or provinces for those counts spanning our state's borders (e.g., see Mike Peterson's caveat concerning the Ferrisburg CBC in his Region 7 winter report).

Unusual species and unusually high counts of regularly occurring species are indicated with bold font, as are compilers' names. LC indicates a low count, and CW indicates species observed during the week of the count, but not on count day.

Albany County [NYAC]

42.50° N 73.92° W; 22 Dec 07; 28°-33° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 15 observers. Total party hours 56.

Canada Goose 85 LC; Am. Black Duck 36; Mallard 334; Co. Goldeneye 3; Hooded Merganser 4; Co. Merganser 88; Ruddy Duck 12; Ruffed Grouse 4; Wild Turkey 78; Great Blue Heron 3; Bald Eagle 5; No. Harrier 2 LC; Sharp-shinned Hawk 6; Cooper's Hawk 5; Red-tailed Hawk 46; Rough-legged Hawk 3; Am. Kestrel 1; Merlin 1; Peregrine Falcon 1; Ring-billed Gull 33 LC; Herring Gull 2 LC; Great Black-backed Gull 3 LC; Rock Pigeon **1022**; Mourning Dove 268; Great Horned Owl 3; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker **36**; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **4**; Downy Woodpecker 42; Hairy Woodpecker 24; Pileated Woodpecker 15; Northern Shrike 1; Blue Jay 276; Am. Crow 2103; Co. Raven 4; Black-capped Chickadee 304; Tufted Titmouse 72; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 44; Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren 5; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 1 LC; E. Bluebird 53; Hermit Thrush 2; Am. Robin

2520; Gray Catbird 1; No. Mockingbird 4; European Starling 2959; Cedar Waxwing 161; Am. Tree Sparrow 113; Song Sparrow 19; White-throated Sparrow **287**; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 556; Snow Bunting 70; No. Cardinal 46; Brown-headed Cowbird 3; Purple Finch 8; House Finch 60; Co. Redpoll 58; Am. Goldfinch 156; House Sparrow 164.

Total: 63 species. **Sponsor:** Audubon Society of the Capital Region. **Participants:** Jocelyn Cole-Caulkins, Corey Finger, Mark Fitzsimmons, Briana Gary, Denise Hackert-Stoner, John Kent, **Alan Mapes (aamapes@nycap.rr.com)**, Tina Markopoulos, John Ozard, Patti Packer, Will Raup, George Steele, Scott Stoner, Jim Suozzo, Craig Thompson, Sue Wolfe.

Beaver Meadow [NYBM]

42.68° N 78.37° W; 22 Dec 07; 31°-43° F; AM partly cloudy; PM cloudy; 29 observers. Total party hours 47.5.

Canada Goose 5; Mallard 40; Ring-necked Pheasant 3; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 114; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 22; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel 4; Herring Gull 6; Rock Pigeon 367; Mourning Dove 220; E. Screech-Owl 6; Great Horned Owl 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 13; Downy Woodpecker 39; Hairy Woodpecker 19; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 2; Pileated Woodpecker 2; Northern Shrike 1; Blue Jay 201; Am. Crow 402; **Co. Raven 5**; Horned Lark 46; Black-capped Chickadee 550; Tufted Titmouse 15; Red-breasted Nuthatch 6; White-breasted Nuthatch 43; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 14; E. Bluebird 6; Am. Robin 4; European Starling 1312; Cedar Waxwing 65; Am. Tree Sparrow 161; Song Sparrow 5; White-throated Sparrow 1; White-crowned Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 354; Lapland Longspur 5; Snow Bunting 925; No. Cardinal 149; Pine Grosbeak 5; House Finch 18; Co. Redpoll 76; Am. Goldfinch 117; House Sparrow 166.

Total: 49 species. **Participants:** Donna Barski, Tom Clark, Taddy Dann, Bev Fehringer, **Paul Fehringer (fehringer@buffaloaudubon.org)**, Mike Galas, Wayne Gall, Jack Hartwig, Chris Heiman, Marty & Linda Hoffman, David & Sandy Junkin, Richard Kingston, Ed & Jan Kramer, Brian Lewandowski, Bill Michalek, John Mitton, Tom & Sue O'Donnell, Jim Ochterski, Priscilla Pratt, Claudia Smigelski, Mike Zebehazy.

Binghamton [NYBI]

42.18° N 75.97° W; 15 Dec 07; 11°-28° F; AM clear; PM partly cloudy; 31 observers. Total party hours 156.25.

Canada Goose 1481; Mute Swan 1; Am. Black Duck 26; Mallard 593; No. Pintail 3; Green-winged Teal 2; scaup sp. 1; Bufflehead 4; Hooded Merganser 10; Co. Merganser 160; Ruffed Grouse 10; Wild Turkey 305; Great Blue Heron 4; Bald Eagle 4; Sharp-shinned Hawk 12; Cooper's Hawk 7; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 54; Rough-legged Hawk 3; Am. Kestrel 3; **Merlin 1**; Peregrine Falcon 1; Ring-billed Gull 39; Herring Gull 84; Rock Pigeon 2243; Mourning Dove 558; E Screech-Owl 2; Great Horned Owl 5; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 9; Downy Woodpecker 152; Hairy Woodpecker 58; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 2; Pileated Woodpecker 12; Northern Shrike 1; Blue Jay 409; Am. Crow 1482; Co. Raven **5**; Horned Lark 3; Black-capped Chickadee 928; Tufted Titmouse 235; Red-breasted Nuthatch 14; White-breasted Nuthatch 163; Brown Creeper 10; Carolina Wren 9; Golden-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 48; Am. Robin 3; No. Mockingbird 6; European Starling 2446;

Cedar Waxwing 181; Am. Tree Sparrow 235; Chipping Sparrow 1; Field Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 16; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 40; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 615; Snow Bunting 128; No. Cardinal 253; Brown-headed Cowbird 6; Purple Finch 6; House Finch 373; Co. Redpoll 135; Am. Goldfinch 273; Evening Grosbeak 3; House Sparrow 498.

Total: 68 species. **Participants:** Richard Andrus, Eleanor Carson, Helen Dorber, Helen Eno, Deanna France, Susan Garing, Robert Grajewski, Derek Green, Kathleen Hill, Stephen Hill, Dylane Horvath, Paul Kalka, Sara Kinch, **Gail Kirch (gkirch@stny.rr.com),** William Kuk, Victor Lamoreux, Andrea Martin, Courtney Moore, Joann Nichols, Donald O'Brien, Sandy Olshefski, Janet Ottman, Joseph Sedlacek, Julian Shepherd, Barry Stevens, Sue Stevens, Tom Tasber, Claire Theophanis, Jan Trzeciak, Linda Vick, Jon Weeks.

Bolton Landing [NYBL]

43.55° N 73.65° W; 15 Dec 07; 7°-15° F; AM partly clear; PM partly clear; 12 observers. Total party hours 29.

Canada Goose 9; Am. Black Duck 2; Mallard 239; Bufflehead 9; Co. Goldeneye 18; Hooded Merganser 23; Co. Merganser 16; Wild Turkey 35; Bald Eagle 1; Red-tailed Hawk 2; Ring-billed Gull 19; Herring Gull 3; gull sp. 2; Rock Pigeon 251; Mourning Dove 59; Downy Woodpecker 12; Hairy Woodpecker 5; Pileated Woodpecker 5; Blue Jay 130; Am. Crow 66; Co. Raven 9; Horned Lark 3; Black-capped Chickadee 146; Tufted Titmouse 21; Red-breasted Nuthatch 10; White-breasted Nuthatch 37; Brown Creeper 1; European Starling 144; Am. Tree Sparrow 1; Chipping Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 19; No. Cardinal 11; Pine Grosbeak 14; House Finch 20; Co. Redpoll 15; Pine Siskin 2; Am. Goldfinch 4; Evening Grosbeak 9.

Total: 37 species. **Participants:** Henry Caldwell, Joan Dobert, Zandy Gabriels, John Gaddy, Olivia Gaddy, Bill Gates, Doug Houghton, **Chris Krahling (ckrahling@lglc.org),** Eric Krantz, Chris Roberts, Joan Robertson, Edna Van Dorsten.

Bronx-Westchester Region [NYBW]

40.88° N 73.75° W; 23 Dec 07; 37°-59° F; AM cloudy, light rain; PM cloudy, heavy rain; 78 observers. Total party hours 202.

Snow Goose 2; 'Atlantic' Brant **3235**; Canada Goose 7236; Mute Swan 97; Wood Duck 23; Gadwall 130; Eurasian Wigeon 2; Am. Wigeon 439; Am. Black Duck 723; Mallard 1491; No. Shoveler 4 LC; No. Pintail 1; 'American' Green-winged Teal 6; Canvasback 4; Ring-necked Duck 2; Greater Scaup 1798; Lesser Scaup 52; scaup sp. 91; Surf Scoter 6; White-winged Scoter **33**; Black Scoter **6**; Long-tailed Duck 45; Bufflehead 515; Co. Goldeneye 59; Hooded Merganser 290; Co. Merganser 5; Red-breasted Merganser 542; Ruddy Duck 105; Am. Black Duck x Mallard hybrid 4; Ring-necked Pheasant CW; Wild Turkey **75**; Red-throated Loon 33; Co. Loon 3; Horned Grebe 14; Red-necked Grebe 1; **Eared Grebe 1**; No. Gannet **3**; Double-crested Cormorant 20; Great Cormorant 32; Great Blue Heron 74; Great Egret 1; Bald Eagle CW; No. Harrier 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 18; Cooper's Hawk 14; Red-shouldered Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 89; Am. Kestrel 4; Merlin 4; Peregrine Falcon 7; Clapper Rail 2; Virginia Rail 1; Killdeer 12; Ruddy Turnstone 1; Purple Sandpiper 62; Dunlin 8; Laughing Gull 3; Bonaparte's Gull 57; Ring-billed Gull 3603; Herring Gull 477 LC; Great Black-backed Gull 85 LC; Rock Pigeon 1863; Mourning Dove 848; Monk Parakeet **45**; E Screech-Owl 7; Great Horned Owl 12; Long-eared Owl 3; No. Saw-whet Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 6; Red-

bellied Woodpecker 125; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 13; Downy Woodpecker 137; Hairy Woodpecker 53; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 18; Pileated Woodpecker 1; Blue Jay 659; Am. Crow 354; Fish Crow 25; Co. Raven 2; Horned Lark **67**; Black-capped Chickadee 718; Tufted Titmouse 473; Red-breasted Nuthatch 16; White-breasted Nuthatch 165; Brown Creeper 10; Carolina Wren 99; House Wren 3; Winter Wren 19; Marsh Wren 5; Golden-crowned Kinglet 14; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 10; E. Bluebird 2; Hermit Thrush 14; Am. Robin 717; Gray Catbird 18; No. Mockingbird 117; Brown Thrasher 4; European Starling 6434; Am. Pipit 3; Cedar Waxwing 42; Palm Warbler 1; Co. Yellowthroat 1; Yellow-breasted Chat 1; E. Towhee 12; Am. Tree Sparrow 198; Chipping Sparrow 1; Field Sparrow 5; Savannah Sparrow 2; Fox Sparrow 31; Song Sparrow 356; Swamp Sparrow 16; White-throated Sparrow 2354; White-crowned Sparrow 2; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 918; **Lapland Longspur 2**; Snow Bunting **156**; No. Cardinal 343; **Indigo Bunting 1**; Red-winged Blackbird 205; Rusty Blackbird 28; Co. Grackle 757; Brown-headed Cowbird 94; Baltimore Oriole 1; Purple Finch 9; House Finch 323; Co. Redpoll **46**; Pine Siskin 10; Am. Goldfinch 415; House Sparrow 1174.

Total: 126 species. **Participants:** Leonard Abramson, George Angehr, Richard Aracil, Rudy Badia, Trudy Battely, Joan Becker, Richard Becker, Gail Benson, Andrew Block, Shane Blodgett, Doug Bloom, Kelli Bochnik, **Michael Bochnik (bochnikm@cs.com)**, Emily Bondl, Jackie Bruskin, David Burg, Noah Burg, Thomas Burke, Angel Cardenas, Walter Chadwick, George Dadone, Andrew Farnsworth, Tom Fiore, Arie Gilbert, Clare Gormon, Adele Gotlib, Con Grandahl, Patty Grandahl, Frank Guida, Mellissa Hamilton, David Havens, Arlene Hedlund, Liam Hegarty, Orlando Hidalgo, Edmund Higgins, Rob Jett, Jerry Kamlet, Rich Kelly, Brendan Keogh, David Krauss, David Kunstler, Carol Lange, Yvonne Lynn, Christopher Lyons, Chuck McAlexander, Hugh McGuinness, David McIntyre, Lawrence McIntyre, Mark McIntyre, Caroline McLaughlin, Jim McLaughlin, Eric Miller, Silvia Morales, Diane Morrison, Steve Morrison, Tim Moses, Steve Nanz, Joe O'Connell, Paul Oehrlein, Drew Panko, Bruce Pataky, Neil Powell Jr., Ian Resnick, Jack Rothman, Mike Russo, Saul Scheinbach, Donna Schulman, Janet Schumacher, Lynn Shaw, Phil Thorp, Andrew Towle, Matt Tozer, William Van Wart, Jim Vellozzi, Bill Wallace, Steve Walter, Roz Wood, John Young.

Brooklyn [NYBR]

40.6° N 73.93° W; 15 Dec 07; 31°-34° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 56 observers.

Snow Goose 530 (+4 Blue Morph); 'Atlantic' Brant 10556; Canada Goose 2520; Mute Swan 108; Gadwall 73; Am. Wigeon 72; Am. Black Duck 477; Mallard 804; No. Shoveler 610; No. Pintail 1; 'American' Green-winged Teal 178; Canvasback 9; Ring-necked Duck 9; Greater Scaup 2196; Lesser Scaup 68; Co. Eider 3; White-winged Scoter 4; Black Scoter CW; scoter sp. 33; Long-tailed Duck 926; Bufflehead 1098; Co. Goldeneye 51; Hooded Merganser 29; Co. Merganser CW; Red-breasted Merganser 605; Ruddy Duck 396; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Red-throated Loon 18; Co. Loon 21; Pied-billed Grebe 10; Horned Grebe 164; Red-necked Grebe 1; No. Gannet 1705; Double-crested Cormorant 187; Great Cormorant 82; Great Blue Heron 20; Black-crowned Night-Heron 1; No. Harrier 27; Sharp-shinned Hawk 13; Cooper's Hawk 13; No. Goshawk 2; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 27; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 4; Merlin 8; Peregrine Falcon 4; Am. Coot 73; Black-bellied Plover 24; Killdeer 15; Greater Yellowlegs 7; Ruddy Turnstone 3; Sanderling 426; Purple Sandpiper 14; Dunlin 105; Am. Woodcock 1; Laughing Gull CW; Bonaparte's Gull 40; Ring-billed

Gull 5039; Herring Gull 2106; Lesser Black-backed Gull 2; Glaucous Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 263; Razorbill 1; Rock Pigeon 886; Mourning Dove 242; Monk Parakeet 37; Snowy Owl 1; Short-eared Owl 4; Belted Kingfisher 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 14; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 19; Downy Woodpecker 48; Hairy Woodpecker 7; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 30; **Ash-throated Flycatcher 1**; **W. Kingbird 1**; Blue Jay 48; Am. Crow 236; Fish Crow 14; Horned Lark 151; Tree Swallow **180**; Black-capped Chickadee 103; Tufted Titmouse 31; Red-breasted Nuthatch 30; White-breasted Nuthatch 45; Brown Creeper 6; Carolina Wren 25; Winter Wren 2; Marsh Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 12; Hermit Thrush 11; Am. Robin 169; Gray Catbird 14; No. Mockingbird 78; Brown Thrasher CW; European Starling 3068; Am. Pipit 20; Cedar Waxwing 182; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 692; Palm Warbler 1; Ovenbird 1; Yellow-breasted Chat 2; E. Towhee 2; Am. Tree Sparrow 110; Chipping Sparrow 35; Clay-colored Sparrow 1; Field Sparrow 1; Vesper Sparrow 1; Savannah Sparrow 13; sharp-tailed sparrow sp. 1; Fox Sparrow 18; Song Sparrow 258; Swamp Sparrow 21; White-throated Sparrow 640; White-crowned Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 721; Snow Bunting 44; No. Cardinal 130; Red-winged Blackbird 274; E. Meadowlark 4; Rusty Blackbird CW; Co. Grackle 43; Boat-tailed Grackle 3; Brown-headed Cowbird 122; Baltimore Oriole CW; Purple Finch CW; House Finch 261; Am. Goldfinch 204; House Sparrow 328.

Total: 126 species. **Participants:** John Ascher, Alan Baratz, Janet Baratz, Robert Bate, Monica Berger, Shane Blodgett, Joe Borker, Jean Bourque, Ronald Bourque, Rafael Campos, Roberto Cavalieros, Rick Cech, Edward Crowne, Donald Davis, Linda Delotto, Peter Dorosh, Irish Duffett, Donna Evans, Mary J. Eyster, Joe Giunta, Doug Gochfeld, Robert Gochfeld, Stanley Greenberg, Yelena Greenberg, Dennis Gurney, Elliott Harold, Bill Jeffrey, Rob Jett, Peter Joost, **Paul Keim (warblernek@aol.com)**, Tom Kozak, Gerald Layton, Anne Lazarus, Paige Linden, Bob Machoven, Deborah Martin, Pat McCart, Karol Mirth, Heidi Nanz, Steve Nanz, David Perry, Emily Peyton, Christine Pratt-Scanlon, Tom Preston, Marge Raymond, Jeff Ritter, Eni Rosenthal-Fale, Hilary Salk, James Scanlon Janet Schumacher, Lenore Swenson, Andrew Vallely, Louise Voccoli, Elizabeth White, Scott Whittle, Gabriel Willow, Claudia Wilner, Marisa Wohl, Breegy Z.

Captree [NYCA]

40.7° N 73.25° W, center mouth of Brightwaters Canal; 28 Dec 07, 6:00 am-5:00 pm; 36°-45° F; wind W 0-10 mph; snow cover 0"; all water open; AM partly cloudy; PM clear; 25 observers in 16 parties. Total party hours 127.5; total party miles 79.5; 111 hours and 68 miles on foot; 16.5 hours and 11.5 miles by car.

Greater White-fronted Goose 1; Snow Goose (blue form) CW; 'Atlantic' Brant 1977; Canada Goose **4729**; Mute Swan 77; Wood Duck 5; Gadwall 368; Am. Wigeon 170; Am. Black Duck 593; Mallard 778; No. Shoveler 23; Canvasback 99; Redhead 41; Ring-necked Duck 116; Greater Scaup 2052; Lesser Scaup 176; Co. Eider 2; Harlequin Duck 1; Surf Scoter **5080**; White-winged Scoter 118; Black Scoter **14179**; Long-tailed Duck **3119**; Bufflehead 826; Co. Goldeneye 139; Hooded Merganser 199; Co. Merganser 2; Red-breasted Merganser 499; Ruddy Duck **444**; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Wild Turkey 3; No. Bobwhite 10; Red-throated Loon 14; Co. Loon 28; Pied-billed Grebe 14; Horned Grebe 15; No. Gannet 40; Double-crested Cormorant 3; Great Cormorant 1; Am. Bittern 1; Great Blue Heron 63; Black-crowned Night-Heron 6; Osprey 1; No. Harrier 20; Sharp-shinned Hawk 14; Cooper's Hawk 6; Red-tailed Hawk 21; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 1; Peregrine Falcon 1; **Yellow Rail 1**; Virginia Rail **4**; Am. Coot 12; Black-

bellied Plover 75; Sanderling 289; Dunlin 342; Bonaparte's Gull 3 LC; Ring-billed Gull 1634; Herring Gull 1931; Great Black-backed Gull 289; Razorbill 1; Rock Pigeon 417; Mourning Dove 234; E. Screech-Owl 2; Great Horned Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 18; Red-bellied Woodpecker 38; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **5**; Downy Woodpecker 66; Hairy Woodpecker 11; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 100; Blue Jay 141; Am. Crow 188; Fish Crow 80; crow sp. 2; Horned Lark 42; Tree Swallow 16; Black-capped Chickadee 267; Tufted Titmouse 53; Red-breasted Nuthatch 63; White-breasted Nuthatch 39; Brown Creeper 4; Carolina Wren 89; Winter Wren 3; Marsh Wren **9**; Golden-crowned Kinglet 40; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2; **Townsend's Solitaire 1;** Hermit Thrush 6; Am. Robin **556**; Gray Catbird 13; No. Mockingbird 99; Brown Thrasher 1; European Starling 2844; Am. Pipit **19**; Cedar Waxwing 13; Orange-crowned Warbler 1; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 608; E. Towhee 17; Am. Tree Sparrow 162; Chipping Sparrow 2; Field Sparrow 21; Savannah Sparrow 48; 'Ipswich' Savannah Sparrow 5; sharp-tailed sparrow sp 1; Fox Sparrow 11; Song Sparrow 288; Swamp Sparrow 29; White-throated Sparrow 480; White-crowned Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 168; Snow Bunting 243; No. Cardinal 89; Red-winged Blackbird 41; Rusty Blackbird 4; Co. Grackle 4; **Boat-tailed Grackle 2**; Purple Finch **11**; House Finch 272; Red Crossbill 1; Co. Redpoll 4; Pine Sisikin 2; Am. Goldfinch 46; House Sparrow 289.

Total: 123 species. **Participants:** Marc Brody, Sharon Brody, **Michael Cooper (retiring as compiler)**, Steve D'Amato, Ken Feustel, Sue Feustel, Jack Finkenberg, Doug Futuyma, John Gluth, Joel Horman, Margaret Horman, Rich Kelly, Bob Kurtz, **Pat Lindsay**, Mike McBrien, **Shai Mitra (mitra@mail.csi.cuny.edu)**, Nicholas Morante, Bruce Pataky, Bob Paxton, Peter Post, Dominic Sherony, Mary Beth Tamko, Ken Thompson, Steve Walter, Edith Wilson, Robert Wilson.

Catskill-Coxsackie [NYCT]

42.28° N 73.88° W. 18 Dec 07; 5°-30° F; AM clear; PM clear; 18 observers. Total party hours 66.

Snow Goose 4; Canada Goose 6723; Mute Swan 1; Am. Black Duck 148; Mallard 305; Long-tailed Duck 1; Co. Goldeneye 15; Hooded Merganser 1; Co. Merganser 378; Red-breasted Merganser 1; Wild Turkey 108; Great Blue Heron 3; Bald Eagle 12; No. Harrier 9; Sharp-shinned Hawk 10; Cooper's Hawk **9**; Red-shouldered Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk **148**; Rough-legged Hawk 5; Am. Kestrel 1; Merlin 1; Killdeer 1; **Wilson's Snipe** CW; Ring-billed Gull 187; Herring Gull 550; Iceland Gull 3; Lesser Black-backed Gull 2; Glaucous Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 51; Rock Pigeon 381; Mourning Dove 578; E. Screech-Owl 7; Great Horned Owl 6; Barred Owl 2; Long-eared Owl CW; Short-eared Owl 2; No. Saw-whet Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 9; Red-bellied Woodpecker **62**; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **12**; Downy Woodpecker 115; Hairy Woodpecker 26; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 37; Pileated Woodpecker **20**; Blue Jay 395; Am. Crow 780; Co. Raven **13**; Horned Lark 279; Black-capped Chickadee 553; Tufted Titmouse 201; White-breasted Nuthatch 134; Brown Creeper 5; Carolina Wren 23; Winter Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 8; E. Bluebird 120; Hermit Thrush 9; Am. Robin **4928**; No. Mockingbird 31; European Starling 5766; Cedar Waxwing 30; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 2; Am. Tree Sparrow 240; Savannah Sparrow 4; Fox Sparrow 5; Song Sparrow 52; Swamp Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow 459; White-crowned Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 804; Lapland Longspur 1; Snow Bunting 179; No. Cardinal 124; Red-winged Blackbird 13; Brown-headed Cowbird 13; Pine Grosbeak 4; Purple Finch 64; House Finch 158; Co. Redpoll 55; Am. Goldfinch 257; House Sparrow 312.

Total: 78 species. **Participants:** Larry Alden, John & Alta Cannon/Turner, Scott & Janie Crocoll, David Diaz, Lin Fagan, **Larry Fedderman**, Corey Finger, **Richard Guthrie (gaeltic@capital.net)**, Gene McGurry, Matt Medler, Timothy O'Connnor, Paul Rappelyea, Will Raup, Bill Robinson, Don Schelling, Peter Schoenberger, George Steele, LeRoy & Judy Suess.

Central Suffolk County [NYCS]

40.83° N 72.78° W; 22 Dec 07; 36°-46° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 38 observers. Total party hours 122.

'Atlantic' Brant 192; Canada Goose 2930; Mute Swan 229; Wood Duck 3; Gadwall 196; Am. Wigeon 35; Am. Black Duck 971; Mallard 902; No. Pintail 2; 'American' Green-winged Teal 40; Canvasback 60; Redhead 6; Ring-necked Duck 291; Greater Scaup 213; Lesser Scaup 701; Co. Eider 4; Surf Scoter 22; White-winged Scoter 67; Black Scoter 1693; Long-tailed Duck 277; Bufflehead 288; Co. Goldeneye 48; Hooded Merganser 194; Co. Merganser 8; Red-breasted Merganser 673; Ruddy Duck 940; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Wild Turkey 41; Red-throated Loon 11; Co. Loon 41; Pied-billed Grebe 3; Horned Grebe 4; No. Gannet 16; Double-crested Cormorant 7; Great Cormorant 1; Am. Bittern 1; Great Blue Heron 70; Black-crowned Night-Heron 7; **Turkey Vulture 1;** No. Harrier 29; Sharp-shinned Hawk 3; Cooper's Hawk 4; Red-tailed Hawk 14; Rough-legged Hawk 13; Am. Kestrel 5; Merlin 1; Peregrine Falcon 4; Virginia Rail 1; Am. Coot 4; Black-bellied Plover 18; Killdeer 1; Greater Yellowlegs 3; Willet 1; Ruddy Turnstone 2; Sanderling 129; Dunlin 107; Wilson's Snipe 3; Bonaparte's Gull 2; Ring-billed Gull 679; Herring Gull 1706; Great Black-backed Gull 335; Rock Pigeon 258; Mourning Dove 456; E. Screech-Owl 7; Great Horned Owl 3; Long-eared Owl 1; Short-eared Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 32; Red-bellied Woodpecker 32; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3; Downy Woodpecker 52; Hairy Woodpecker 9; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 48; No. Shrike CW; Blue Jay 295; Am. Crow 197; Fish Crow 1Black-capped Chickadee 231; Tufted Titmouse 97; Red-breasted Nuthatch 41; White-breasted Nuthatch 66; Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren 86; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 21; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 18; Hermit Thrush 3; **Wood Thrush 1;** Am. Robin 855; Gray Catbird 9; No. Mockingbird 50; Brown Thrasher 3; European Starling 2008; Cedar Waxwing 137; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 63; Palm Warbler 1; Co. Yellowthroat 1; E. Towhee 30; Am. Tree Sparrow 27; Chipping Sparrow 6; Field Sparrow 32; Savannah Sparrow 6; Fox Sparrow 13; Song Sparrow 163; Swamp Sparrow 9; White-throated Sparrow 738; White-crowned Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 507; Snow Bunting 233; No. Cardinal 119; Red-winged Blackbird 48; E. Meadowlark 76; Rusty Blackbird 20; Co. Grackle 199; **Boat-tailed Grackle 35**; Brown-headed Cowbird 125; Purple Finch 29; House Finch 173; Co. Redpoll 20; Am. Goldfinch 106; House Sparrow 406.

Total: 123 species. **Participants:** Steve Biasetti, Pat Burden, Chris Cleary, Michael Cleary, Jennifer Clement, Peter Clement, James Clinton, Sr., Mike Cooper, Mel Cowgill, Allyson Dyer, Rebecca Elfant, Marilyn England, Jack Finkenberg, Bob Gerdts, Mike Higgiston, Craig Johann, Ed Johann, Samantha Johann, Willa Johann, Jay Kuhlman, Susan Kuhlman, Mary Laura Lamont, Don MacKenzie, John McNeal, Rick Mohlmann, Daniel Morris, Andy Murphy, Brian O'Keeffe, Ryan O'Keeffe, Alice Osterlund, James Osterlund, Eric Salzman, Richard Sautkulis, Dr. Al Scherzer, **Eileen Schwinn (beachmed@optonline.net)**, Lee Stanley, Carl Starace, Sally Swain, Daniel V. Wilson.

Chatham [NYCM]

42.37° N 73.65° W. 15 Dec 07; 10°-20° F; AM partly cloudy; PM cloudy; 26 observers. Total party hours 87.

Snow Goose 1; **Cackling Goose** CW; Canada Goose 5914; Am. Black Duck 57; Mallard 181; Ring-necked Duck 3; Lesser Scaup 1; Co. Goldeneye 3; Co. Merganser 154; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 31; Great Blue Heron 1; Bald Eagle **13**; No. Harrier 10; Sharp-shinned Hawk 7; Cooper's Hawk 6; Red-tailed Hawk 93; Peregrine Falcon CW; Ring-billed Gull 30; Herring Gull 506; Lesser Black-backed Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 16; Rock Pigeon 703; Mourning Dove 423; E. Screech-Owl 7; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 38; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 4; Downy Woodpecker 97; Hairy Woodpecker 18; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 13; Pileated Woodpecker 11; No. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 266; Am. Crow 1425; Co. Raven 2; Horned Lark 510; Black-capped Chickadee 479; Tufted Titmouse 111; Red-breasted Nuthatch 7; White-breasted Nuthatch 68; Brown Creeper 1; Carolina Wren 3; E. Bluebird 58; Hermit Thrush 1; Am. Robin 1405; No. Mockingbird 9; European Starling **4417**; **Am. Pipit 2**; Cedar Waxwing 204; Am. Tree Sparrow 162; **Savannah Sparroe 1**; Song Sparrow 29; White-throated Sparrow 218; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco **1188**; Snow Bunting 152; No. Cardinal 77; Red-winged Blackbird 5; Co. Grackle 2; Brown-headed Cowbird 1; Pine Grosbeak **14**; Purple Finch 14; House Finch 40; Co. Redpoll 43; Pine Siskn 12; Am. Goldfinch 418; House Sparrow 217.

Total: 68 species. **Participants:** Roberta Bernstein, Jon Boulette, Ron Bussian, Mike Butler, Mona Cady, **William Cook (cook@sunycgcc.edu)**, John Cooley, Elisabeth Grace, Richard Guthrie, Nancy Kern, Mitzi Lobdell, Jeff Novick, John Piwowarski, George Rodenhausen, Vicki Sand, Susan Scheck, Kathryn Schneider, William Schneider, Ellen Scott, Debbie Shaw, Carl Specht, Helen Specht, Stephanie Specht, Joan Steiner, Rick Werwaiss, Owen Whitby, Cris Winters, Will Yandik.

Clinton [NYCL]

43.08° N 75.33° W. 15 Dec 07; 7°-19° F; AM partly cloudy; PM cloudy; 30 observers. Total party hours 62.5.

Canada Goose 550; Wood Duck 1; Am. Black Duck 23; Mallard 195; 4; Hooded Merganser 4; Co. Merganser 6; Red-breasted Merganser 4; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turke127; Great Blue Heron 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 1; *Accipiter* sp. 2; Red-tailed Hawk 41; *Buteo* sp. 3; Am. Kestrel CW; Peregrine Falcon 1; Ring-billed Gull 13; Rock Pigeon 1673; Mourning Dove 580; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 121; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **5**; Downy Woodpecker 110; Hairy Woodpecker **47**; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 1; Pileated Woodpecker 11; No. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 183; Am. Crow 2402; Horned Lark 70; Black-capped Chickadee 437; Tufted Titmouse 76; Red-breasted Nuthatch 14; White-breasted Nuthatch 61; Caorlina Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 4; E. Bluebird 25; Am. Robin 22; Gray Catbird 1; No. Mockingbird 1; European Starling 2516; Cedar Waxwing 147; Am. Tree Sparrow 234; Song Sparrow 3; White-throated Sparrow 44; sparrow sp. 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 313; Snow Bunting 284; No. Cardinal **154**; Brown-headed Cowbird 1; Pine Grosbeak **40**; Purple Finch 9; House Finch 133; Co. Redpoll 188; Pine Siskin CW; Am. Goldfinch 263; Evening Grosbeak CW; House Sparrow 468.

Total: 53 species. **Participants:** Carol Adams, Betty Armbruster, Dick Bedient, Paul Brown, Julie Chanatry, Marcia Garber, Steve Hall, Steve Heerkins, Dick Hill, John Kapshaw, Patricia Kuhn, Judy McIntyre, Pat McIntyre, Cecily Myers, Diane Parrish, Gary Parrish, Frank Perretta, **Matt Perry (mperry63@adelphia.com)**, Debby Quayle,

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Conesus-Hemlock-Honeoye Lakes [NYCH]

42.78° N 77.62° W. 29 Dec 07; 32°-40° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 40 observers. Total party hours 111.

Canada Goose 1842; Mute Swan 1; Tundra Swan 12; Gadwall 11; Am. Wigeon 7; Am. Black Duck 73; Mallard 673; duck sp. 78; Canvasback 31; Redhead 5352; Ring-necked Duck 313; Greater Scaup 10; Lesser Scaup 111; scaup sp. 70; Long-tailed Duck 2; Bufflehead 317; Co. Goldeneye 221; Hooded Merganser 361; Co. Merganser 65; Red-breasted Merganser 13; Ruddy Duck 8; Ruffed Grouse 2; Wild Turkey 33; Pied-billed Grebe 4; Great Blue Heron 3; Bald Eagle 2; No. Harrier 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 3; *Accipiter* sp. 1; Red-tailed Hawk 63; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel 2; Am. Coot 95; Ring-billed Gull 643; Herring Gull 207; Great Black-backed Gull 3; Rock Pigeon 677; Mourning Dove 161; E. Screech-Owl 34; Great Horned Owl 3; Belted Kingfisher 6; Red-bellied Woodpecker 66; Downy Woodpecker 128; Hairy Woodpecker 31; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 41; Pileated Woodpecker 15; Northern Shrike 4; Blue Jay 183; Am. Crow 879; Co. Raven **4**; Horned Lark 7; Black-capped Chickadee 740; Tufted Titmouse 56; Red-breasted Nuthatch 10; White-breasted Nuthatch 115; Brown Creeper 13; Carolina Wren 12; Golden-crowned Kinglet 10; E. Bluebird 70; Am. Robin 134; No. Mockingbird 3; European Starling 4188; Cedar Waxwing 116; E. Towhee 1; Am. Tree Sparrow 200; Song Sparrow 24; Swamp Sparrow 11; White-throated Sparrow 15; White-crowned Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 181 Snow Bunting 26; No. Cardinal 125; Brown-headed Cowbird 22; Purple Finch 1; House Finch 102; Co. Redpoll 181; Pine Siskin 2; Am. Goldfinch 311; House Sparrow 179.

Total: 77 species. **Participants:** Randy Baker, Carolyn Barnhart, Jerry Barnhart, Douglas Bassett, John Boettcher, Bruce Cady, Mary Ann Cady, Peter Debes, Jon Dombrowski, Peter Dombrowski, Kurt Fox, Jay Greenberg, Thomas Hampson, Jack Hartwig, Monica Herrman-Kokis, Jim Kimball, Gary Klue, Ursula Kopp, Tom Lathrop, John Lehr, Pat Martin, Chita McKinney, **Robert McKinney (rgmckinney2@gmail.com)**, Jim Ochterski, John Olson, Phillip Opdycke, Norma Platt, Al Price, Carolyn Ragan, Tom Smith, Cathy Spahn, Robert Spahn, Susan Spahn, David Strong, Jerry Sullivan, David Tetlow, Donald Traver, Donna Traver, Kinsley Whittum, Jim Wood.

Corning [NYCO]

42.1° N 77.13° W; 15 Dec 07; 18°-30° F; AM partly clear; PM partly cloudy; 13 observers. Total party hours 61.25.

Canada Goose 835; Mallard 104; Hooded Merganser **19**; Co. Merganser **51**; Ruffed Grouse 3; Wild Turkey 12; Bald Eagle 1; No. Harrier 4; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 18; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 3; Ring-billed Gull 28; Rock Pigeon 582; Mourning Dove 330; E. Screech-Owl 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker **12**; Downy Woodpecker 31; Hairy Woodpecker 12; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 3; Pileated Woodpecker 9; No. Shrike **3**; Blue Jay 366; Am. Crow **1198**; Co. Raven 5; Horned Lark 1; Black-capped Chickadee 231; Tufted Titmouse 56; Red-breasted Nuthatch 4; White-breasted Nuthatch 38; Brown Creeper 4; Carolina Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 14; E. Bluebird **43**; **Hermit Thrush 1**; Am. Robin 5; No.

Mockingbird 4; European Starling 708; Cedar Waxwing 115; Am. Tree Sparrow 186; **Field Sparrow 1**; Song Sparrow 4; Swamp Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow **47**; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco **718**; Snow Bunting **52**; No. Cardinal 84; House Finch 196; Co. Redpoll 90; Pine Siskin 4; Am. Goldfinch 97; House Sparrow 172.

Total: 53 species. **Participants:** Jack Brubaker, Marcia Christian, Irving Cook, Steve Cooper, Brett Hoffman, Hunter Hoffman, Marti Hoffman, Nancy Hoffman, Bill Ostrander, Joan Ostrander, **Mary Passage (mpassage@stny.rr.com)**, Mike Powers, George Strothman.

Cortland [NYCR]

42.67° N 76.27° W; 15 Dec 07; 7°-24° F; AM clear; PM cloudy; 22 observers. Total party hours 73.5.

Canada Goose 2307; Am. Black Duck 29; Mallard 450; Redhead CW; Ring-necked Duck 5; Greater Scaup 3; Lesser Scaup 23; Bufflehead 12; Co. Goldeneye **120**; Hooded Merganser 15; Co. Merganser 4; Ring-necked Pheasant 4; Ruffed Grouse 6; Wild Turkey 85; Co. Loon CW; **Horned Grebe 1**; Great Blue Heron 1; **Bald Eagle 1**; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk **10**; No. Goshawk **1**; Red-tailed Hawk **68**; Rough-legged Hawk 11; Am. Kestrel 2; **Merlin 2**; Ring-billed Gull 56; Herring Gull 55; Great Black-backed Gull 4; Rock Pigeon 1229; Mourning Dove **626**; E. Screech-Owl CW; Great Horned Owl 2; Barred Owl 1; **Long-eared Owl 1**; **No. Saw-whet Owl** CW; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker **29**; **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1**; Downy Woodpecker 98; Hairy Woodpecker **37**; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 1; Pileated Woodpecker **9**; No. Shrike **5**; Blue Jay 312; Am. Crow **11827**; Co. Raven **6**; Horned Lark 27; Black-capped Chickadee 820; Tufted Titmouse **68**; Red-breasted Nuthatch 55; White-breasted Nuthatch **92**; Brown Creeper 7; Carolina Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 23; E. Bluebird 16; Am. Robin **257**; No. Mockingbird CW; European Starling 2636; Cedar Waxwing 40; Am. Tree Sparrow 249; Song Sparrow 11; Swamp Sparrow CW; White-throated Sparrow 8; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco **602**; Lapland Longspur CW; Snow Bunting 155; No. Cardinal 91; Red-winged Blackbird 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 25; Pine Grosbeak 16; Purple Finch 2; House Finch 211; **Red Crossbill** CW; Co. Redpoll **539**; **Hoary Redpoll** CW; Pine Siskin 2; Am. Goldfinch 249; Evening Grosbeak 147; House Sparrow 331.

Total: 71 species. **Sponsor:** Lime Hollow Nature Center. **Participants:** James Barry, Gail Benedict, Beatrice Busch, Linda Christie, Mike Douglass, Joe Governali, Nancy Governali, John Gustafson, Colleen Hamilton, Steve Kelling, Dave Loparco, Jay McGowan, James McKenna, Bobbi Monroe, Bard Prentiss, Judy Reed, Ken Rosenberg, Arnold Talentino, Bill Toner, Dorothy Troike, Les Wedge, **Matthew Young (grosbeak@clarityconnect.com)**.

Dunkirk-Fredonia [NYFR]

42.43° N 79.28° W; 1 Jan 08; 27°-35° F; AM cloudy, light rain; PM cloudy, light snow; 13 observers. Total party hours 27.

Canada Goose 1510; Am. Black Duck 33; Mallard 457; Canvasback 8; Redhead 28; Greater Scaup 35; Lesser Scaup 57; **Long-tailed Duck 2;** Bufflehead 57; Co. Goldeneye 2; Hooded Merganser 41; Co. Merganser 90; Red-breasted Merganser 2; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Horned Grebe 19; Double-crested Cormorant 78; Great Blue Heron 2; **Bald Eagle 1**; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-shouldered Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 5; Peregrine Falcon 1; **Franklin's Gull 1**; Bonaparte's Gull 780; Ring-billed Gull 987; Herring Gull 16; Great Black-backed Gull **173**; **Sabine's Gull 1;** Rock Pigeon 11; Mourning Dove 121; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker **15**; Downy

Woodpecker 29; Hairy Woodpecker 4; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 8; Blue Jay 33; Am. Crow 175; Black-capped Chickadee 78; Tufted Titmouse **22**; Red-breasted Nuthatch **16**; White-breasted Nuthatch 20; E. Bluebird **35**; Am. Robin 1; European Starling **3956**; Cedar Waxwing 130; Am. Tree Sparrow 40; Chipping Sparrow 2; Song Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow 4; White-crowned Sparrow 3; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 98; No. Cardinal 27; Brown-headed Cowbird CW; Purple Finch 2; House Finch 109; Co. Redpoll 23; Pine Siskin 3; Am. Goldfinch 61; House Sparrow 102.

Total: 59 species. **Participants:** Allen Benton, **Paul Farver (Paul.Farver@audubonmember.com)**, **Joanne Goetz (goetz@netsync.net)**, Joe Gula, Carol Hardenburg, Terry Mahoney, Terry Mosher, Robert Peterson, Beverly Ruska, Audrey Schafer, Mary Shearman, Jeanine Smith, Ted Taft.

Dutchess County [NYDC]

41.68° N 73.8° W; 22 Dec 07; 30°-38° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 47 observers. Total party hours 89.

Snow Goose 1; Canada Goose 825; Mute Swan 20; Am. Black Duck 11; Mallard 556; No. Pintail 2; Ring-necked Duck 37; Hooded Merganser **25**; Co. Merganser **119**; Ruddy Duck 35; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Wild Turkey 95; Pied-billed Grebe 2: Great Blue Heron 6; Turkey Vulture 1; Bald Eagle 3; No. Harrier 5; Sharp-shinned Hawk 12; Cooper's Hawk **14**; Red-tailed Hawk 94; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 1; Peregrine Falcon 1; Am. Coot 80; Ring-billed Gull 680; Herring Gull 11; **Lesser Black-backed Gull 2**; Great Black-backed Gull 17; Rock Pigeon 624; Mourning Dove 459; E. Screech-Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 3; Barred Owl 4; **No. Saw-whet Owl 1**; Belted Kingfisher 7; Red-bellied Woodpecker 87; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **20**; Downy Woodpecker 130; Hairy Woodpecker 17; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 48; Pileated Woodpecker **24**; Blue Jay **449**; Am. Crow **12000**; Fish Crow **112**; Co. Raven **4**; Horned Lark 164; Black-capped Chickadee 496; Tufted Titmouse **278**; White-breasted Nuthatch 133; Brown Creeper 5; Carolina Wren 27; House Wren 1; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 6; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2; E. Bluebird 136; Hermit Thrush 6; Am. Robin **1264**; Gray Catbird 3; No. Mockingbird 89; European Starling 1852; Cedar Waxwing 100; Yellow-rumped Warbler 8; E. Towhee 2; Am. Tree Sparrow 112; Field Sparrow 1 Savannah Sparrow 1; Fox Sparrow 3; Song Sparrow 140; White-throated Sparrow **746**; White-crowned Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco **945**; Snow Bunting 28; No. Cardinal 200; Red-winged Blackbird 13; Co. Grackle 14; Brown-headed Cowbird 227; purple Finch 20; House Finch 245; Am. Goldfinch 328; House Sparrow 387.

Total: 84 species. **Sponsor:** Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club. **Participants:** John Balint, Peter Bedrossian, **Barbara Butler (babutler@optonline.net)**, Tammie Carey, Betsy Carswell, **William R. Case (becase@juno.com)**, Binnie Chase, Jim Clinton, Bonnie Fair, Peggy Fasciani, Melissa Fisher, Dorothy M. Fleury, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Leslie Gershon, Richard Gershon, Steve Golladay, Barry Haydasz, Barbara Hogan, Rodney Johnson, Art Jones, Maha Katnani, Robert Kendall, Kateri Kosek, Maury Lacher, Miriam Lacher, Carmelita Liao, Barbara Mansell, Liz Martens, Allan Michelin, Barbara Michelin, Krista Morris, Mary Nisley, Mona Payton, Maryanne Pitts, Carena Pooth, Paul Repka, Dora Russell, Dominic Sherony, Howard Slocum, Michele Tarsa, Laurie Taylor, Herbert A. Thompson, Chester Vincent, Frederick Waterman, Otis Waterman, Robert Williams.

Eastern Orange County [NYEO]

41.48° N 74.15° W; 15 Dec 07; 34°-48° F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly cloudy; 35 observers. Total party hours 135.

Snow Goose 1; Canada Goose **9326**; Mute Swan 12 LC; Gadwall 17; Am. Black Duck 52; Mallard 1133; No. Pintail 5; Ring-necked Duck 53; Bufflehead 2; Hooded Merganser 56; Co. Merganser 76; Ruddy Duck 22; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Wild Turkey **213**; Double-crested Cormorant 1; Great Blue Heron 4; Black Vulture **5**; Turkey Vulture 7; Bald Eagle 3; No. Harrier **26**; Sharp-shinned Hawk **13**; Cooper's Hawk 10; Red-shouldered Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 141; Rough-legged Hawk **5**; Am. Kestrel 2; Am. Coot 5; Killdeer 1; Ring-billed Gull 549 LC; Herring Gull 80; Great Black-backed Gull 41; Rock Pigeon 381; Mourning Dove 521; E. Screech-Owl 2; Great Horned Owl 2; Barred Owl 2; Short-eared Owl **8**; **No. Saw-whet Owl 1**; Belted Kingfisher 6; Red-headed Woodpecker 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker **124**; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **14**; Downy Woodpecker 168; Hairy Woodpecker 16; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 43; Pileated Woodpecker 10; Blue Jay 678; Am. Crow 6685; Fish Crow **26**; Co. Raven 3; Horned Lark 148; Black-capped Chickadee 556; Tufted Titmouse 458; Red-breasted Nuthatch 5; White-breasted Nuthatch 186; Brown Creeper 5; Carolina Wren 32; Winter Wren 5; Golden-crowned Kinglet 3; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2; E. Bluebird 144; Hermit Thrush 8; Am. Robin **1405**; Gray Catbird 3; No. Mockingbird 75; European Starling 4878; Am. Pipit 5; Cedar Waxwing 97; E. Towhee 1; Am. Tree Sparrow 335; Savannah Sparrow 2; Fox Sparrow 4; Song Sparrow 84; Swamp Sparrow 6; White-throated Sparrow **1274**; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco **2429**; Snow Bunting 1; No. Cardinal 202; Red-winged Blackbird 52; Rusty Blackbird 16; Co. Grackle 108; Brown-headed Cowbird 124; Purple Finch 11; House Finch 289; Co. Redpoll 33; Pine Siskin 2; Am. Goldfinch 284; House Sparrow 543.

Total: 88 species. **Participants:** Ajit Antony, Liza Antony, Barry Babcock, Dave Baker, Scott Baldinger, Arlene Borko, Karen Brady, Kevin Brady, Jodi Brodsky, Joe Cullen, Phill Faurot, Bill Fiero, Jayne Fiero, Fitz Fitzpatrick, Jan Fitzpatrick, Chris Fryer, Desly Fryer, Jeff Goulding, Scott Graber, John Haas, Bill Ianonne, Ken Kijewski, Deb Mance, Les Mance, Ken McDermott, Gerhard Patsch, Claudia Perretti, Steve Schuyler, Kelly Sheridan, **Robert Slechta (compiler; results992@yahoo.com)**, Herb Stein, Linda Strohl, Jane Tiller, Carol Weiss, John Yrizarry.

Elizabethtown [NYEZ]

44.21° N 73.6° W, Center at Essex Co. Courthouse. Dec 29, 2007; 5:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Temp: 14° to 39°F. Wind Variable, 5-20 m.p.h. Snow cover: 4-36 inches. Still water frozen, moving water open. AM: cloudy with no rain to light rain. PM: cloudy with no snow to light snow. Observers: 30 in field in 9 parties (non-owling). Total party-hours: 60.75 (24.75 on foot, 4.0 on cross-country skis, 32.0 by car). Total party-miles: 317.85 (23.85 on foot, 4.0 on cross-country skis, 290.0 by car). Feeder effort: 8.5 hours by two observers. Owling effort: 5 miles covered in 1.75 hours.

Am. Black Duck 5, Mallard 78, **Ring-necked Pheasant 1**, Ruffed Grouse 8, **Wild Turkey 91**, **Peregrine Falcon 1**, **Sharp-shinned Hawk 1**, Cooper's Hawk CW, Accipiter sp. 1, Red-tailed Hawk 3, Rough-legged Hawk 1, Rock Pigeon 185, **Mourning Dove 180**, Barred Owl 2, Downy Woodpecker 31, Hairy Woodpecker 20, No. Flicker CW, Pileated Woodpecker 4, No. Shrike 3, Blue Jay 195, Am. Crow 91 LC, **Co. Raven 56**, Black-capped Chickadee 742, Boreal Chickadee 1, Tufted Titmouse 23, Red-breasted Nuthatch 10 LC, White-breasted Nuthatch 41, Brown Creeper 4, Golden-crowned Kinglet 23, Am. Robin 48, European Starling 146, **Bohemian Waxwing 3**, **Cedar**

Waxwing 231, Am. Tree Sparrow 102, Song Sparrow 2, Dark-eyed Junco 35, No. Cardinal 12, Pine Grosbeak 6, Co. Redpoll 158, **Hoary Redpoll 1**, Pine Siskin CW, Am. Goldfinch 17 LC, Evening Grosbeak 22 LC, House Sparrow 108.

Total: 40 count-day species; 2,692 individuals. **Participants:** Becky Bosley, Robin Brown, Joan Collins, Sally Conyne, Una Creedon-Carey, Diane Demers, Beth Edmonds, Frank Gill, Denise Griffin, James Heintz, Judy Heintz, Jean Holcomb, Linda LaPan, Fuat Latif, Kathleen LoGiudice, Larry Master, **Matthew Medler (mdm2@cornell.edu)**, Bryce Murphy, Keith Murphy, Megan Murphy, Dan Nickerson, Stan Oliva, Nancy Slack, Carole Slatkin, Hank Stebbins, Eric Teed, John Thaxton, Pat Thaxton, Yvette Tillema, and Bob Wei.

Elmira [NYEL]

42.13° N 76.83° W; 1 Jan 08; 21°-39° F; AM partly clear; PM cloudy; 21 observers. Total party hours 72.

Canada Goose 1430; **Gadwall 1**; Am. Black Duck 4; Mallard 272; Co. Merganser **87**; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Ruffed Grouse 4; Wild Turkey 153; Great Blue Heron 1; Bald Eagle CW; No. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk CW; Cooper's Hawk 8; Red-tailed Hawk 63; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 7; Merlin 1; **Peregrine Falcon** CW; Ring-billed Gull 573; Herring Gull 35; Great Black-backed Gull 3; Rock Pigeon 698; Mourning Dove 258; E. Screech-Owl 12; Great Horned Owl 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker 10; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 52; Hairy Woodpecker 16; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 1; Pileated Woodpecker 7; Northern Shrike CW; Blue Jay 171; Am. Crow 958; Fish Crow 2; Co. Raven 5; Horned Lark 70; Black-capped Chickadee 380; Tufted Titmouse 93; Red-breasted Nuthatch 4; White-breasted Nuthatch 56; Brown Creeper 1; Carolina Wren 10; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet CW; E. Bluebird **55**; **Hermit Thrush 1;** Am. Robin **122**; No. Mockingbird 6; European Starling 1275; **Am. Pipit 1;** Cedar Waxwing 122; **E. Towhee 1;** Am. Tree Sparrow 105; Field Sparrow 4; Song Sparrow 7; White-throated Sparrow 10; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 308; Snow Bunting 3; No. Cardinal 85; House Finch 144 LC; Co. Redpoll 6; Pine Siskin 9; Am. Goldfinch 117; House Sparrow 136 LC.

Total: 60 species. **Sponsor:** Chemung Valley Audubon Society. **Participants:** Marcia Christian, Dick Clements, Joan Clements, Irving Cook, Mike Deming, Jean Fraser, Brett Hoffman, Hunter Hoffman, Marti Hoffman, Nancy Hoffman, Jeff Holbrook, Peter Meybaum, **Bill Ostrander (browncreeper@stny.rr.com)**, Joan Ostrander,Tom Pawlak, Virginia Pawlak, Vi Savard, Joan Scrocarelli, Anita Seaberg, Steve Seaberg, Dale Stevens, Anne Thurber.

Ferrisburg [VTFE]

44.18° N 73.3° W; 15 Dec 07; 5°-15° F; AM cloudy, light snow; PM cloudy, light snow; 37 observers. Total party hours 145.

Snow Goose 1; Canada Goose 93 LC; Wood Duck 1; Gadwall 1; Am. Black Duck 50; Mallard 214; Greater Scaup 1; Lesser Scaup 5; White-winged Scoter 2; Bufflehead 35; Co. Goldeneye **3009**; Hooded Merganser 74; Co. Merganser 340; Red-breasted Merganser 3; Ring-necked Pheasant 3; Ruffed Grouse 8; Wild Turkey 54; Co. Loon 18; Horned Grebe 51; Red-necked Grebe 3; Great Blue Heron 1; Bald Eagle 21; No. Harrier 5; Sharp-shinned Hawk 3; Cooper's Hawk 3; No. Goshawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 12; Rough-legged Hawk 8; Merlin 4; Peregrine Falcon CW; Ring-billed Gull 140; Herring Gull 61; **Iceland Gull 1;** Great Black-backed Gull 27; Rock Pigeon 510; Mourning Dove 464; E. Screech-Owl 5; Great Horned Owl 9; Barred Owl 8; Short-eared Owl 2; Belted

Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 8; **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1;** Downy Woodpecker 106; Hairy Woodpecker 71; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 10; Pileated Woodpecker 19; Northern Shrike 5; Blue Jay 397; Am. Crow 546; Co. Raven 37; Horned Lark 1068; Black-capped Chickadee 1145; Tufted Titmouse 139; Red-breasted Nuthatch 11; White-breasted Nuthatch 133; Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren 6; Golden-crowned Kinglet 9; E. Bluebird 33; Am. Robin 640; No. Mockingbird 2; European Starling 3002; Bohemian Waxwing **982**; Cedar Waxwing **1140**; Am. Tree Sparrow 779; Song Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow 7; **White-crowned Sparrow 1**; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 12; Lapland Longspur 56; Snow Bunting **2584**; No. Cardinal 246; Red-winged Blackbird 1; **Rusty Blackbird 2**; Common Grackle 2; Brown-headed Cowbird 5; Pine Groseak **104**; Pine Grosbeak 104; Purple Finch 1; House Finch 263; Co. Redpoll **2515**; Am. Goldfinch 359; House Sparrow 1100.

Total: 82 species. **Participants:** Jim Andrews, Kris Andrews, Steve Antell, Greg Askew, Ric Beck, Lillian Birkett, Jessie Bradley, Barbara Brosnan, Debbie Bushy, John Chamberlain, Brendan Collins, Elizabeth Cooper, Heather Cosgrove, Michael Cosgrove, Joanne Doyle, Margaret Dye, Penny Goodkind, James Mead, Ted Murin, Stan Oliva, Jim Osborn, Isza Parchini, John Peterson, Judy Peterson, Alan Pistorius, Dick Reid, Peg Rood, Chris Runcie, Harriet Szanto, John Thaxton, Pat Thaxton, Yvette Tillem, Harry Trombley, Bob Wei, **Mike Winslow (mikekira@verizon.net)**, Jay Wisner, Jeanne Wisner.

Fort Plain [NYFP]

42.93° N 74.6° W; 29 Dec 07; 28°-36° F; AM partly cloudy, light rain; PM cloudy; 17 observers; Total party hours 54.

Snow Goose 60; Canada Goose 2835; Am. Black Duck 70; Mallard 899; **Ring-necked Duck 2**; Hooded Merganser 1; Co. Merganser 33; Wild Turkey 39; Bald Eagle 1; No. Harrier 5; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 3; *Accipiter* sp. 1; Red-tailed Hawk 49; Rough-legged Hawk 17; *Buteo* sp. 4; Am. Kestrel 6; **Merlin 1**; Ring-billed Gull 9; gull sp. 13; Rock Pigeon 808; Mourning Dove 509; Red-bellied Woodpecker 8; Downy Woodpecker 42; Hairy Woodpecker 16; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 5; Pileated Woodpecker 1; Northern Shrike 2; Blue Jay 145; Am. Crow 648; **Co. Raven 10;** Horned Lark 115; Black-capped Chickadee 352; Tufted Titmouse 38; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 35; Golden-crowned Kinglet 4; E. Bluebird 43; Am. Robin 19; European Starling 3731; Cedar Waxwing 23; Am. Tree Sparrow 192; Song Sparrow 9; White-throated Sparrow 33; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 122; Snow Bunting 122; No. Cardinal 30; House Finch 53; Co. Redpoll 87; Am. Goldfinch 153; House Sparrow 173.

Total: 49 species. **Participants:** Ann Adams, Sandy Bright, Richard Carter, **Bob Donnelly (rsdonn@yahoo.com)**, Miles Frasier, Ron Frasier, Becky Gretton, Honey Hollen, Andy Mason, Eleanor Moriarity, Sandy Perry, Bill Ralston, Chip Reynolds, Charlie Scheim, Darlene Spaulding, Sue Stewart.

Geneva [NYGE]

42.87° N 76.98° W; 29 Dec 07; 35°-40° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 22 observers. Total party hours 71.

Snow Goose 451; Canada Goose 11599; Gadwall 6; Am. Black Duck 87; Mallard 582; **No. Shoveler** CW; No. Pintail 17; Redhead 27; Greater Scaup 41; Bufflehead 31; Co. Goldeneye 100; Co. Merganser 89; Red-breasted Merganser 3; Ruddy Duck CW; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Pied-billed Grebe 1; **Double-crested Cormorant 1**; Great Blue

Heron 3; **Turkey Vulture 1**; **Bald Eagle** 1; No. Harrier 6; Sharp-shinned Hawk **7**; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 77; Am. Kestrel 6; Am. Coot 26; Ring-billed Gull 784; Herring Gull 6; Great Black-backed Gull 17; Rock Pigeon 710; Mourning Dove 129; E. Screech-Owl 3; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 29; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker CW; Downy Woodpecker 39; Hairy Woodpecker 2; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 12; Pileated Woodpecker 5; Northern Shrike 2; Blue Jay 79; Am. Crow 7329; Horned Lark CW; Black-capped Chickadee 183; Tufted Titmouse 44; Red-breasted Nuthatch 5; White-breasted Nuthatch 43; Brown Creeper 1; Carolina Wren 5; Golden-crowned Kinglet 5; E. Bluebird 29; Am. Robin **1158**; No. Mockingbird 6; European Starling 4039; Cedar Waxwing 20; Am. Tree Sparrow 15; White-throated Sparrow 3; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 36; Snow Bunting 15; No. Cardinal 40; Red-winged Blackbird 2; Co. Grackle CW; Brown-headed Cowbird **400**; House Finch 92; Am. Goldfinch 32; House Sparrow 342.

Total: 66 species. **Participants:** Maryanne Adams, Linda Benedict, Steve Benedict, Fred Bertram, Jim Blankenberg, Lynn Donaldson, John Fox, Charles Gibson, Bob Guthrie, Ken Hodgson, Julie Horton, Lyn Jacobs, Leona Lauster, Gene Parsons, Brian Perkins, Dolores Perkins, Charlie Rouse, **Lisa Rouse (ldrouse@rochester.rr.com),** Carol Slattery, Joseph Slattery, Dave Spier, Wes Utter.

Greenwich-Stamford [CTGS]

41.08° N 73.62° W; 15 Dec 07; 24°-35° F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly cloudy; 62 observers. Total party hours 196.

Snow Goose 6; 'Atlantic' Brant 338; Canada Goose **5545**; Mute Swan 109; Wood Duck 2; Gadwall 84; Am. Wigeon 50; Am. Black Duck 391; Mallard 1153; No. Pintail 1; 'American' Green-winged Teal 3; Canvasback 1; Ring-necked Duck 62; Greater Scaup 600; Lesser Scaup 3; **King Eider 1** (ph); Surf Scoter 3; White-winged Scoter 2; Black Scoter CW; Long-tailed Duck 135; Bufflehead 409; Co. Goldeneye 131; Hooded Merganser 232; Co. Merganser **1790**; Red-breasted Merganser 275; Ruddy Duck 55; Wild Turkey 85; Red-throated Loon 13; Co. Loon 13; Pied-billed Grebe 4; Horned Grebe 13; Red-necked Grebe 1; No. Gannet **8**; Double-crested Cormorant CW; Great Cormorant 32; Great Blue Heron 28; **Great Egret 1**; Black-crowned Night-Heron 1; Black Vulture 7; Turkey Vulture 53; Bald Eagle **4**; No. Harrier 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 10; Cooper's Hawk **25**; Red-shouldered Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 97; Am. Kestrel 1; Merlin 1; Peregrine Falcon 1; Am. Coot 12; Black-bellied Plover 16; Killdeer 17; Greater Yellowlegs 2; Ruddy Turnstone 55; **Red Knot 1**; Purple Sandpiper 21; Bonaparte's Gull 63; Ring-billed Gull 1338; Herring Gull 1504; **Iceland Gull 1**; Great Black-backed Gull 75; Rock Pigeon 427; Mourning Dove 583; Monk Parakeet 70; E. Screech-Owl 30; Great Horned Owl 15; Barred Owl 4; No. Saw-whet Owl **3**; Belted Kingfisher 14; Red-bellied Woodpecker 162; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **23**; Downy Woodpecker 171; Hairy Woodpecker 31; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 53; Pileated Woodpecker 6; E. Phoebe 1; Blue Jay 606; Am. Crow 997; Fish Crow 3; Co. Raven **3**; Horned Lark 36; Black-capped Chickadee 1006; Tufted Titmouse 549; Red-breasted Nuthatch 13; White-breasted Nuthatch 256; Brown Creeper 6; Carolina Wren 101; Winter Wren 10; Golden-crowned Kinglet 20; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 13; E. Bluebird 51; Hermit Thrush 12; Am. Robin 958; Gray Catbird 8; No. Mockingbird 62; Brown Thrasher CW; European Starling 1186; Am. Pipit 18; Cedar Waxwing **545**; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 15; **Yellow-breasted Chat 1**; E. Towhee 2; Am. Tree Sparrow 46; Chipping Sparrow 1; Field Sparrow 5; Savannah Sparrow 1; Fox Sparrow 11; Song Sparrow 361; Swamp Sparrow 7; White-throated Sparrow 1223; White-crowned Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed

Junco 1551; **Lapland Longspur 1 (ph)**; Snow Bunting 17; No. Cardinal 266; Red-winged Blackbird 42; Rusty Blackbird 7; Co. Grackle 108; Brown-headed Cowbird 3; Purple Finch 38; House Finch 349; **Red Crossbill 1**; Co. Redpoll 49; Pine Siskin 3; Am. Goldfinch 389; House Sparrow 827.

Total: 123 species. **Participants:** Alan Alterman, Michael Aurelia, Pat Bailey, Tom Baptist, Valentina Baptist, Marty Barris, Trudy Battaly, Joan Becker, Richard Becker, Joe Belanger, Brian Bielfelt, Ioa Byrne, Al Collins, Max Collins, Annette Cunniffe, Lindsey DeVito, Patrick Dugan, Cynthia Ehlinger, Debbie Ethridge, James Flynn, Matt Fry, Jay Gartner, Kathy Gellman, Ted Gilman, Jacob Graff, Samuel Graff, Frank Guida, John Hannan, Edward Henrey, David Johnson, Elsbeth Johnson, Margaret Lechner, Ryan Maclean, Shaun Martin, Stefan Martin, Mike Moccio, Tim Moses, Brian O'Toole, **Gary Palmer (mrobbins@audubon.org),** Jane Palmer, Drew Panko, Melissa Piechucki, Matt Popp, Stephen Ricker, Polly Rothstein, David Salmon, Meredith Sampson, Jonna Schaffer, Anne Semmes, Alice Smith, Bruce Smith, Holt Thrasher, Andy Towle, Robby Towle, Matt Tozer, Richard Trepp, William Van Loan, Benjamin Van Doren, Jim Voros, Mike Warner, David Wright, Adam Zorn.

Hamburg-East Aurora [NYHE]

42.72° N 78.75° W; 29 Dec 07; 32°-41° F; AM cloudy, light snow; PM cloudy, light snow; 37 observers. Total party hours 108.75.

Canada Goose 108; Am. Black Duck 4; Mallard 395; Co. Goldeneye 6; Red-breasted Merganser 8; Am. Black Duck x Mallard hybrid 6; Wild Turkey 13; Bald Eagle CW; Sharp-shinned Hawk 3; Cooper's Hawk 8; *Accipiter* sp. 1; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 53; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 1; **Merlin 1**; Ring-billed Gull 433; Herring Gull 62; Great Black-backed Gull **47**; gull sp. 16; Rock Pigeon 421; Mourning Dove 232; E. Screech-Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 34; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **6**; Downy Woodpecker 89; Hairy Woodpecker 24; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 7; Pileated Woodpecker 3; No. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 125; Am. Crow 1099; Black-capped Chickadee 662; Tufted Titmouse 80; Red-breasted Nuthatch 21; White-breasted Nuthatch 75; Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren 4; Golden-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 65; Am. Robin 20; European Starling 4599; Cedar Waxwing 116; **E. Towhee 1**; Am. Tree Sparrow 117; Song Sparrow 8; White-throated Sparrow 9; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 293; No. Cardinal 142; Brown-headed Cowbird 6; Purple Finch 5; House Finch 189; Red Crossbill CW; Co. Redpoll 276; **Hoary Redpoll 1**; Pine Siskin 59; Am. Goldfinch 377; House Sparrow 478.

Total: 55 species. **Participants:** Dr. Robert Andrle, Patricia Andrle, Patricia Bogan, Tom Connare, Lewis Crowell, Jay DeCarolis, Donna DeLeon, Dr. Robert DeLeon, Emma DeLeon, Nicole Fehringer, Paul Fehringer, Michael Galas, Wayne Gall, Tim Goff, Mike Hamilton, Doug Happ, Morgan Jones, Jr., Brendan Klick, Gina Klick, Robert Klick, Jim Landau, Karen Landau, Carter Lazurus, Paul Lazarus, Paul Lazarus, Jr., Brian Lewandowski, Emily Lewandowski, Mike Morgante, Susan O'Donnell, **Thomas O'Donnell (tmodonnell@roadrunner.com)**, Edward Ratajczak, Gerry Rising, Nancy Vigyikan, Paul Vigyikan, Mike Zebehazy, Paul Ziebarth, Virginia Ziebarth.

Hudson Falls [NYHF]

43.28° N 73.62° W; 22 Dec 07; 25°-35° F; AM partly clear; PM cloudy; 9 observers. Total party hours 37.

Canada Goose 7; Am. Black Duck 11; Mallard 356; **Redhead 1**; White-winged Scoter **4**; Co. Goldeneye 168; Hooded Merganser 17; Co. Merganser 59; **Ruddy Duck 3**;

Wild Turkey 14; Bald Eagle 1; No. Harrier 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 4; Red-tailed Hawk 45; Rough-legged Hawk 20; Am. Kestrel 1; Merlin 1; Peregrine Falcon 1; Herring Gull 2; Rock Pigeon 1235; Mourning Dove 328; Barred Owl 1; Short-eared Owl 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 4; Downy Woodpecker 26; Hairy Woodpecker 9; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 6; Pileated Woodpecker **13**; No. Shrike 2; Blue Jay 134; Am. Crow 870; **Fish Crow 1**; Horned Lark 78; Black-capped Chickadee 222; Tufted Titmouse 76; Red-breasted Nuthatch 3; White-breasted Nuthatch 18; Brown Creeper 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 3; E. Bluebird **72**; Am. Robin **211**; No. Mockingbird 8; European Starling 2943; Cedar Waxwing 59; Am. Tree Sparrow 287; Song Sparrow 8; White-throated Sparrow 8; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 134; Snow Bunting 158; No. Cardinal 36; **Pine Grosbeak 6**; Purple Finch 4; House Finch 90; Co. Redpoll 211; Am. Goldfinch 64; Evening Grosbeak 8; House Sparrow 219.

Total: 58 species. **Participants:** Dick Bartlett, Mona Bearor, Beth Bidwell, Brad Bidwell, Jason Goldsmith, Greg Greene, Russ Hilliard, Joan Robertson, **Linda White (lindaandblake@adelphia.net).**

Ithaca [NYIT]

42.45° N 76.45° W; 1 Jan 08; 24°-36° F; AM light snow; PM light snow; 145 observers. Total party hours 337.

Greater White-fronted Goose 1; Snow Goose CW; **Brant CW**; Cackling Goose 1; Canada Goose 4125; Swan sp. CW; Wood Duck CW; Gadwall 1; Am. Wigeon 2; Am. Black Duck 31; Mallard 823; Mallard X Am. Black Duck 3; No. Pintail CW; Green-winged Teal 2; Canvasback 5; Redhead 120; Ring-necked Duck 2; Greater Scaup 18; Lesser Scaup 180; **White-winged Scoter 1**; **Long-tailed Duck 1**; Bufflehead 6; Co. Goldeneye 15; Hooded Merganser 12; Co. Merganser 94; Ruddy Duck **18**; Ring-necked Pheasant 3; Ruffed Grouse 8; Wild Turkey 112; Co. Loon 5; Pied-billed Grebe 8; Horned Grebe CW; Great Blue Heron 7; Turkey Vulture 7; **Bald Eagle 1**; No. Harrier 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 12; Cooper's Hawk 19; No. Goshawk 1; *Accipiter* sp. 2; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 158; Rough-legged Hawk 13; Am. Kestrel 2; Merlin CW; Am. Coot 335; Ring-billed Gull 449; Herring Gull 134; Lesser Black-backed Gull 1; Great Black-Backed Gull 33; Rock Pigeon 1553; Mourning Dove 727; E. Screech-Owl 30; Great Horned Owl 1; Barred Owl 3; Long-eared Owl CW; Short-eared Owl CW; **No. Saw-whet Owl 1**; Belted Kingfisher 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker 156; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3; Downy Woodpecker 376; Hairy Woodpecker **143**; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 31; Pileated Woodpecker 33; No. Shrike 7; Blue Jay 786; Am. Crow **5761**; Fish Crow 9; Co. Raven **31**; Horned Lark 16; Black-Capped Chickadee 2872; Tufted Titmouse **476**; Red-breasted Nuthatch 50; White-breasted Nuthatch 435; Brown Creeper 33; Carolina Wren 21; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 16; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2; Eastern Bluebird **176**; Hermit Thrush 2; Am. Robin 45; No. Mockingbird 15; European Starling 12019; Cedar Waxwing 427; **Pine Warbler 2**; Am. Tree Sparrow 449; Field Sparrow 3; Song Sparrow 35; Swamp Sparrow 3; White-throated Sparrow 176; White-crowned Sparrow CW; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 832; Snow Bunting 539; No. Cardinal 457; Co. Grackle 2; Brown-headed Cowbird 1; Purple Finch 7; House Finch 687; **Co. Redpoll 1264**; Pine Siskin 12; Am. Goldfinch 810; Evening Grosbeak 36; House Sparrow 891.

Total: 93 species, new count record. **Participants**: Paul Anderson, Bill Baker, Eric Banford, Gwendolyn Barr, Susan Barr, Francisha Bayer, Ken Bendell, Braam Bezuidenhoudt, Gladys Birdsall, Wes Blauvelt, Jack Booker, Karen Brazell, Rose Broome, Mark Chao, Julie Clougherty, Linda Clougherty, John Confer, Karen Confer,

Leslie Connors, Nancy Cusumano, Susan Danskin, Hank den Bakker, Nancy Dickinson, Ryan Douglas, Mike Duttweiler, Linda Duttweiler, Susan earle, Karen Edelstein, Charlie Elrod, Laurie Elrod, Nelly Farnham, Steve Fast, Annette Finney, Martha Fischer, Doug Fitchen, John Fitzpatrick, Jim Gaffney, John Greenly, Stephan Hames, Meena Haribal, Laurie Hart, Shannon Haskins, Martin Hatch, Susie Hatch, Rebecca Heiss, Susan Henderson, Anne Hobbs, Wesley Hochachka, Asher Hockett, Jim Houghton, Larry Hymes, Sara Jane Hymes, Judy Jones, Graham Kerslick, Gary Kohlenberg, Steve Kress, Carl Leopold, Lynn Leopold, Irby Lovette, Jim Lowe, James Marco, Kara Marco, Linda Marco, Rich Marisa, Tracy Marisa, Bill McAneny, Shirley McAneny, Clara McCarthy, Elaina McCartney, Jay McGowan, **Kevin McGowan (kjm2@cornell.edu)**, Perri McGowan, Bob McGuire, Bruce Miller, Harold Mills, Nari Mistry, Ann Mitchell, David Nutter, Stephen Ohlstrom, Jess Orkin, Linda Orkin, Bruce Packard, Bob Packard, Joan Packard, Bill Podulka, Sandy Podulka, Bard Prentiss, Gina Prentiss, Marie Read, Sally Reimer, Colleen Richards, Dave Ritchie, Ken Rosenberg, Marianne Saphra, Ton Schat, Jean Scheibe, Marty Schlabach, Carol Schmitt, Ron Schmitt, Mickey Sclingo, Donna Scott, Jean Simmons, Carol Sisler, Dee-dee Slade, Ann Spinelli, Laura Stenzler, Jodi Sterling, Scott Sutcliffe, Chris Tessaglia-Hymes, Connie Thomas, Andrea Townsend, Mary Van Buren, Watt Webb, Page Webb, Mary Jean Welser, Phil Welser, Joe Wetmore, Chris Wiley, Mary Winston, Margo Yntema.

Jamestown [NYJA]

42.1° N 79.22° W; 16 Dec 07; 18°-35° F; AM cloudy, light-heavy rain, heavy snow; PM cloudy, heavy snow; 19 observers. Total party hours 60.

Canada Goose 749; Tundra Swan CW; Wood Duck 1; Am. Black Duck 7; Mallard 594; Lesser Scaup CW; Bufflehead 13; Co. Goldeneye 22; Hooded Merganser 8; Co. Merganser 39; Ruddy Duck 1; Am. Black Duck x Mallard hybrid 2; Ring-necked Pheasant 7; Wild Turkey 122; Pied-billed Grebe CW; Great Blue Heron 4; Bald Eagle 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red- Shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 22; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel 7; **Merlin 1;** Am. Coot 1; Ring-billed Gull 299; Herring Gull 4; Rock Pigeon 682; Mourning Dove 320; E. Screech-Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 3; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 7; Downy Woodpecker 53; Hairy Woodpecker 16; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 3; Pileated Woodpecker 1; Blue Jay 137; Am. Crow 4220; **Co. Raven** CW; Horned Lark 9; Black-capped Chickadee 289; Tufted Titmouse 51; Red-breasted Nuthatch 15; White-breasted Nuthatch 62; Brown Creeper 1; Carolina Wren **12**; Winter Wren CW; Golden-crowned Kinglet 7; E. Bluebird 7; Am. Robin 22; European Starling 801; Cedar Waxwing 175; Am. Tree Sparrow 172; Song Sparrow 11; Swamp Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow 20; White-crowned Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 348; Snow Bunting 116; No. Cardinal 158; Co. Grackle 12; Brown-headed Cowbird 35; Purple Finch 4; House Finch 97; Co. Redpoll 4; Am. Goldfinch 214; Evening Grosbeak CW; House Sparrow 279.

Total: 63 species. **Sponsor:** Jamestown Audubon Center and Sanctuary. **Participants:** Jim Baer, Mark Baldwin, **Ann Beebe (ab2@madbbs.com)**, James Berry, Mary Berry, Larry Brown, Dave Cooney, Celia DeFrancisco, Leonard DeFrancisco, Joe Fairbank, George Green, Becky Greenfield, Eleanor Gustafson, Todd Gustafson, Julie Heilman, Margaret Jewett, Dr. Michael Johnson, Sr., Michael Johnson, Jr., Ranjit Laha, Frances Lapinski, Ruth Lundin, Sally Martinez, Linda O'Brien, Robert Petroline, Bruce E. Robinson, William Seleen, Thomas Simmons, Dick Stineman, Scott Stoleson, **Robert**

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Johnstown-Gloversville [NYJG]

43.1° N 74.38° W; 22 Dec 07; 26°-40° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 15 observers. Total party hours 48.75.

Canada Goose 75; Am. Black Duck 9; Mallard 164; No. Pintail 1; duck sp. 9; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 99; Great Blue Heron 1; Bald Eagle 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 3; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 14; Am. Kestrel 2; Ring-billed Gull 37; Herring Gull 31; Great Black-backed Gull 7; Rock Pigeon 787; Mourning Dove 440; E. Screech-Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 2; **Snowy Owl 2**; Barred Owl CW; No. Saw-whet Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 1; **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1**; Downy Woodpecker 45; Hairy Woodpecker 33; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 1; Pileated Woodpecker 10; Northern Shrike CW; Blue Jay 143; Am. Crow 585; Co. Raven **55**; Black-capped Chickadee 723; Tufted Titmouse 42; Red-breasted Nuthatch 8; White-breasted Nuthatch 72; Brown Creeper 1; Carolina Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 5; E. Bluebird 20; **Hermit Thrush 1**; Am. Robin 113; European Starling 857; Cedar Waxwing 175; Am. Tree Sparrow 62; White-throated Sparrow 7; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 121; Snow Bunting 107; No. Cardinal 20; **Co. Grackle 1**; Pine Grosbeak **45**; Purple Finch 1; House Finch 40 LC; Red Crossbill 4; White-winged Crossbill 3; Co. Redpoll 342; Am. Goldfinch 117; Evening Grosbeak 75; House Sparrow 201.

Total: 56 species. **Participants:** Lena Andersson, Laurie Freeman, Allen Friers, Marianne Friers, Joan Hansen, **Pamela Hunt (biodiva@verizon.net),** Sally Jorgensen, Sandy Lane, Matt Montgomery, Tawny Montgomery, Larry Rowland, Liz Russo, Paul Russo, Carol Stack, Alison Van Keuren.

Letchworth-Silver Lake [NYLS]

42.75° N 78.0° W; 15 Dec 07; 11°-22° F; AM partly clear; PM partly cloudy, light snow; 16 observers. Total party hours 75.75.

Canada Goose 14229; Am. Black Duck 100; Mallard 995; Redhead 2; Ring-necked Duck 18; Greater Scaup 1; **White-winged Scoter 1**; Bufflehead 13; Co. Goldeneye 11; Hooded Merganser 27; Co. Merganser 22; Ruddy Duck 21; Wild Turkey 47; Great Blue Heron 4; **Turkey Vulture 20**; Bald Eagle 2; No. Harrier 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 3; Cooper's Hawk 4; Red-tailed Hawk 35; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 6; **Peregrine Falcon 1**; Ring-billed Gull 37; Rock Pigeon 432; Mourning Dove 226; E. Screech-Owl 8; Great Horned Owl 2; **Barred Owl 1**; **Long-eared Owl 1**; Short-eared Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker **44**; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **4**; Downy Woodpecker 67; Hairy Woodpecker 17; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 14; Pileated Woodpecker 9; Blue Jay 252; Am. Crow 538; **Co. Raven 1**; Horned Lark 578; Black-capped Chickadee 325; Tufted Titmouse 50; Red-breasted Nuthatch 6; White-breasted Nuthatch 84; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 4; Golden-crowned Kinglet 5; E. Bluebird 15; Am. Robin 40; No. Mockingbird 9; European Starling 5007; Cedar Waxwing 73; Am. Tree Sparrow 689; Song Sparrow 32; Swamp Sparrow 9; White-throated Sparrow 48; White-crowned Sparrow **63**; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco **778**; Lapland Longspur 12; Snow Bunting 2404; No. Cardinal **219**; Brown-headed Cowbird 3; House Finch 128; Co. Redpoll 30; Am. Goldfinch 230; House Sparrow 727.

Total: 68 species. **Sponsor:** Genesee West Audubon Society. **Participants:** Carolyn Barnhart, Jerry Barnhart, **Douglas Bassett Douglas.Bassett@oprhp.state.ny.us)**, Ed Christner, Don Felix, Kurt Fox, Mike Hujek, Jim Kimball, Carl Kunze, Hans Kunze, Mary Livingston, Pat Martin, Thomas Pedlow, Steph Spittle, Don Traver, Donna Traver.

Lower Hudson [NJLH]

40.77° N 73.65° W; 16 Dec 07; 30°-35° F; AM cloudy, light rain, none-light snow; PM cloudy, light rain; 61 observers. Total party hours 82.75.

'Atlantic' Brant 190; Canada Goose 1394; Mute Swan 5; Wood Duck 1; Gadwall 182; Am. Black Duck 177; Mallard 1174; No. Shoveler 256; No. Pintail 86; 'American' Green-winged Teal 442; Canvasback 131; Greater Scaup 157; Lesser Scaup 6; Long-tailed Duck 1; Bufflehead 150; Co. Goldeneye 5; Hooded Merganser 65; Co. Merganser 17; Red-breasted Merganser 58; Ruddy Duck 485; Wild Turkey 1; Pied-billed Grebe 2; Double-crested Cormorant 22; Great Blue Heron 1; Bald Eagle 1; No. Harrier 13; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 6; *Accipiter* sp. 1; Red-shouldered Hawk CW; Red-tailed Hawk 40; Rough-legged Hawk CW; Am. Kestrel 3; Peregrine Falcon 10; Am. Coot 21; Killdeer 19; Greater Yellowlegs 5; **Long-billed Dowitcher 1**; Am. Woodcock 1; Ring-billed Gull 2237; Herring Gull 1093; Great Black-backed Gull 250; Rock Pigeon 2210; Mourning Dove 104; Barn Owl 1; E. Screech-Owl 1; Long-eared Owl 12; Belted Kingfisher 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker 34; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 10; Downy Woodpecker 45; Hairy Woodpecker 5; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 12; Blue Jay 165; Am. Crow 49; Horned Lark 24; Black-capped Chickadee 80; Tufted Titmouse 170; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 49; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 12; Winter Wren CW; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 8; Hermit Thrush 11; Am. Robin 130; Gray Catbird 1; No. Mockingbird 29; Brown Thrasher 2; European Starling 3797; Am. Pipit 33; Cedar Waxwing 268; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 10; Palm Warbler 1; E. Towhee 3; Am. Tree Sparrow 72; Chipping Sparrow 1; Savannah Sparrow 18; Fox Sparrow 13; Song Sparrow 320; Swamp Sparrow 20; White-throated Sparrow 2171; White-crowned Sparrow 2; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 350; Snow Bunting 90; No. Cardinal 114; Red-winged Blackbird 141; Rusty Blackbird 4; Co. Grackle 1541; Brown-headed Cowbird 7; House Finch 52; Co. Redpoll 30; Pine Siskin 1; Am. Goldfinch 83; House Sparrow 1040.

Total: 92 species. **Participants:** Ken Allaire, Catherine Barron, Annie Barry, Robert Bate, Elise Boerger, Ardith Bondi, Michael Britt, Ben Cacace, Lois Carlo, Jules Corkery, John Day, Alice Deutsch, Dennis Edge, Sarah Elliott, Karen Fung, **Dick Gershon**, Leslie Gershon, Adele Gotlib, Laura Jacobs, **Kirsten Klipp**, Lynn Kraus, David Krauss, Tony Lance, Anne Lazarus, J. Arthur LeMoine, Gretta Lee, Pat Levine, Richard Lieberman, Chris Lyons, Harry Maas, Glenn Mahler, Sandra Maury, E. J. McAdams, Chuck McAlexander, Alan Messer, Greg Miller, Malcolm Morris, Bernard Nathan, Geoffrey Nulle, Sandra Paci, Josephine Parrilla, Glenn Phillips, Anita Randolfi, Lewis Rosenberg, Susan Schulz, Paloma Soriano, Lloyd Spitalnik, Alicia Swenson, Lenore Swenson, Chris Takacs, Bill Valentine, Henrietta Voake, Natasha Voake, Nancy Ward, Daniel Weaver, Sally Weiner, Joan C. Weiss, John Wittenberg, **Erin Woodard (christmasbirdcount@nycaudubon.org)**, D. Bruce Yolton, Scott Zevon.

Massena-Cornwall [NYMC]

44.97° N 74.9° W; 17 Dec 07; 30°-37° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 16 observers. Total party hours 30.

Canada Goose 53; **Mute Swan 1**; Am. Black Duck 7; Mallard 216; Bufflehead 11; Co. Goldeneye 113; Hooded Merganser 10; Co. Merganser 776; Red-breasted Merganser 6; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Ruffed Grouse 7; Wild Turkey 84; Co. Loon 2; Bald Eagle 5; Sharp-shinned Hawk 3; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 9; Rough-legged Hawk 3; Ring-billed Gull 2; Herring Gull 1005; Iceland Gull 3; Glaucous Gull 2; Great Black-backed Gull 403; Rock Pigeon 376; Barred Owl 1; Downy Woodpecker 35; Hairy Woodpecker 34; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 1; Pileated Woodpecker 9; No. Shrike 6; Blue Jay 136; Am. Crow 9834; Co. Raven 4; Horned Lark **28**; Black-capped Chickadee 428; Tufted Titmouse **6**; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 48; Brown Creeper 6; Am. Robin 12; European Starling 1206; Bohemian Waxwing 7; Cedar Waxwing 20; Am. Tree Sparrow 72; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 62; Snow Bunting 191; No. Cardinal 66; Brown-headed Cowbird 142; Pine Grosbeak 29; Purple Finch 18; House Finch 18; Co. Redpoll 226; Pine Siskin 10; Am. Goldfinch 178; Evening Grobeak 7; House Sparrow 188.

Total: 57 species. **Participants:** Joanne Ackerman, Nobi Ackerman, Marilyn Badger, Laurie Brown, Sheila Cerwonka, Mary Curtis, **Bruce DiLabio (bruce.dilabio@sympatico.ca)**, Andree Dubois-Laviolette, Mark Gawn, Tom Hanrahan, Ian Jones, Paul Jones, Lance Laviolette, Paul Martin, Brian Morin, Mick Panesar, Eileen Van Duyne, Eileen Wheeler.

Mohonk Lake-Ashokan Reservoir [NYML]

41.85° N 74.13° W; 15 Dec 07; 15°-28° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 25 observers. Total party hours 65.75.

Snow Goose 6; Canada Goose **4705**; Mute Swan 2; **Am. Wigeon 3**; Am. Black Duck 32; Mallard 543; scaup sp. 2; Bufflehead 4; Co. Goldeneye 3; Hooded Merganser 22; Co. Merganser 17; Wild Turkey 44; Great Blue Heron 1; Black Vulture 6; Turkey Vulture 6; Bald Eagle **4**; No. Harrier **6**; Sharp-shinned Hawk 6; Cooper's Hawk **4**; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 45; Rough-legged Hawk 3; Am. Kestrel 1; Ring-billed Gull 129; Herring Gull 8; gull sp. 9; Rock Pigeon 140; Mourning Dove 338; E. Screech-Owl **7**; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 57; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 4; Downy Woodpecker 96; Hairy Woodpecker 21; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 16; Pileated Woodpecker 16; No. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 386; Am. Crow 1470; Co. Raven 6; Horned Lark 313; Black-capped Chickadee 302; Tufted Titmouse 242; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 111; Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren 22; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 15; E. Bluebird 85; Hermit Thrush **4**; Am. Robin 102; No. Mockingbird 28; European Starling 1375; Am. Pipit 11; Cedar Waxwing 155; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 1; Am. Tree Sparrow 269; Chipping Sparrow 4; Field Sparrow 7; Savannah Sparrow 1; Fox Sparrow 2; Song Sparrow **95**; Swamp Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow **299**; White-crowned Sparrow **8**; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 1252; Snow Bunting **120**; No. Cardinal **161**; Red-winged Blackbird 26; Rusty Blackbird 4; **Brewer's Blackbird 1** (ND); Brown-headed Cowbird 5; Purple Finch 14; House Finch 163; Co. Redpoll 50; Pine Siskin 3; Am. Goldfinch 212; House Sparrow 521.

Total: 79 species. **Participants:** Jackie Bogardus, Al Bowdery, Lynn Bowdery, **Steve Chorvas (schorvas@verizon.net)**, Bea Conover, Mark DeDea, Kelly Downs, Lin

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Montauk [NYMK]

41.05° N 72.0° W; 15 Dec 07; 24°-33° F; AM partly cloudy; PM cloudy; 43 observers. Total party hours 151.5.

Pink-footed Goose 1; Snow Goose 1; 'Atlantic' Brant 2; **Barnacle Goose 1**; Canada Goose **4467**; Mute Swan 22; Am. Wigeon 1; Am. Black Duck 172; Mallard **493**; **Blue-winged Teal 1**; No. Pintail 8; Canvasback 37; Redhead 2; Ring-necked Duck 30; Greater Scaup 266; Lesser Scaup 8; King Eider CW; Co. Eider 1646; Surf Scoter 2920; White-winged Scoter 6869; Black Scoter 2918; scoter sp. 2527; Long-tailed Duck 396; Bufflehead 72; Co. Goldeneye 209; Hooded Merganser 17; Co. Merganser 4; Red-breasted Merganser 952; Ruddy Duck 335; Wild Turkey 5; No. Bobwhite 1; Red-throated Loon 649; Co. Loon 349; loon sp. 102; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Horned Grebe 46; Red-necked Grebe 4; No. Gannet 869; Double-crested Cormorant 17; Great Cormorant 4; Great Blue Heron 36; **Osprey 1**; No. Harrier 17; Sharp-shinned Hawk 13; Cooper's Hawk 6; *Accipiter* sp. 1; Red-tailed Hawk 30; Rough-legged Hawk 4; Merlin 5; Peregrine Falcon 1; Virginia Rail 5; Am. Coot 2; Black-bellied Plover 10; Killdeer 1; **Lesser Yellowlegs 2**; Ruddy Turnstone 7; Sanderling 230; Purple Sandpiper 9; Dunlin 15; Wilson's Snipe 2; Am. Woodcock 1; Laughing Gull CW; **Little Gull** 1; Black-headed Gull 1; Bonaparte's Gull 302; Ring-billed Gull 247; Herring Gull 1613; Great Iceland Gull CW; Lesser Black-backed Gull 1; Black-backed Gull 263; Black-legged Kittiwake 3; Razorbill 12; Rock Pigeon 158; Mourning Dove 294; E. Screech-Owl 17; Great Horned Owl 5; No. Saw-whet Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 35; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 50; Hairy Woodpecker 3; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 63; **Least Flycatcher 1**; E. Phoebe 1; **Ash-throated Flycatcher 1**; **W. Kingbird 1**; **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** CW; No. Shrike 2; Blue Jay 365; Am. Crow 557; Horned Lark 58; Black-capped Chickadee 513; Tufted Titmouse 174; Red-breasted Nuthatch **115**; White-breasted Nuthatch 70; Brown Creeper 6; Carolina Wren 114; Winter Wren 3; Marsh Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 45; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 18; Hermit Thrush 28; Am. Robin **1517**; Gray Catbird 22; No. Mockingbird 101; Brown Thrasher 1; European Starling 1170; Am. Pipit **17**; Cedar Waxwing 125; Orange-crowned Warbler 1; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 227; Pine Warbler 1; Palm Warbler 2; Yellow-breasted Chat CW; E. Towhee 45; Am. Tree Sparrow 34; Chipping Sparrow 8; Field Sparrow 21; Savannah Sparrow 1; 'Ipswich' Savannah Sparrow 1; Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow 1; Fox Sparrow 22; Song Sparrow 365; Swamp Sparrow 18; White-throated Sparrow 888; White-crowned Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 518; Lapland Longspur 1; Snow Bunting 52; No. Cardinal 236; Red-winged Blackbird 138; E. Meadowlark 30; Rusty Blackbird 1; Co. Grackle 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 8; Purple Finch 36; House Finch 268; Red Crosbill 74; Co. Redpoll 14; Pine Siskin 2; Am. Goldfinch 204; House Sparrow 577.

Total: 135 species. **Participants: Jim Ash (retiring as co-compiler)**, Gail Benson, Bobby & Janice Berlingeri, Barbara Blaisdell, Thomas Burke, Vicki Bustamante, Theodore Chase, Terry Clarke, Andrew Farnsworth, John & Gerta Fritz, Doug Futuyma, John Gluth, Anthony Graves, Robert Grover, Andrew Guthrie, Kenneth Homan, Brian Kane, Rich Kelly, Bob Kurtz, Mary Laura & Eric Lamont, Patricia Lindsay, **Hugh McGuinness (hmcguinness@ross.org)**, Shai Mitra, Bob Paxton, Bryan Pfeiffer, Sarah

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Montezuma [NYMZ]

43.0° N 76.73° W; 22 Dec 07; 30°-39° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 22 observers. Total party hours 79.25.

Snow Goose 85; Canada Goose 2855; Mute Swan 1; Trumpeter Swan 30; Tundra Swan 92; Wood Duck 3; Gadwall 5; Am. Black Duck 45; Mallard 971; Ring-necked Duck 3; Co. Goldeneye 3; Hooded Merganser 14; Co. Merganser 92; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 166; Pied-billed Grebe 2; Great Blue Heron 12; Bald Eagle 10; No. Harrier 5; Sharp-shinned Hawk 6; Cooper's Hawk 5; Red-tailed Hawk 74; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel 2; **Merlin 1**; Am. Coot 1; Ring-billed Gull 121; Herring Gull 143; **Lesser Black-backed Gull 2**; Great Black-backed Gull 16; Rock Pigeon 791; Mourning Dove 318; E. Screech-Owl 12; Great Horned Owl 3; Barred Owl 2; Short-eared Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 49; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 61; Hairy Woodpecker 21; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 37; Pileated Woodpecker 6; No. Shrike 3; Blue Jay 155; Am. Crow 1420; Horned Lark 146; Black-capped Chickadee 349; Tufted Titmouse 43; Red-breasted Nuthatch 3; White-breasted Nuthatch 56; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 1; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 4; E. Bluebird 49; Am. Robin 825; Gray Catbird 1; No. Mockingbird 1; European Starling 2735; Cedar Waxwing 9; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 11; Am. Tree Sparrow 1229; **Chipping Sparrow 1**; Song Sparrow 32; Swamp Sparrow 3; White-throated Sparrow 69; White-crowned Sparrow 2; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 891; Lapland Longspur 2; Snow Bunting 848; No. Cardinal **281**; Co. Grackle 2; Purple Finch 7; House Finch 47; Co. Redpoll 179; **Hoary Redpoll 1**; Pine Siskin 2; Am. Goldfinch 166; House Sparrow 832.

Total: 82 species. **Sponsor:** Friends of the Montezuma Wetlands Complex, Inc. **Participants: Carol Stokes-Cawley (cstokes-cawley@audubon.org)**, Mary Dreiling, Jim Eckler, Zach Elsner, Chuck Gibson, William Gillette, **Jane Graves (jgraves@skidmore.edu)**, Bob Guthrie, Asher Hockett, Martin Mau, Bob McGuire, Anita Messina, Frank Morlock, Frank Moses, Dave Nutter, Jessica Orkin, Linda G. Price, Mike Putnam, Carolyn Ragan, Robert Spahn, Dave Spier, John Warner, Terry Warner.

Monticello [NYMT]

41.57° N 74.63° W; 27 Dec 07; 27°-36° F; AM local fog, light rain, light snow; PM cloudy; 25 observers. Total party hours 53.75.

Canada Goose 287; Mute Swan 3; Am. Black Duck 104; Mallard **335**; **'American' Green-winged Teal 2**; Ring-necked Duck 6; Co. Goldeneye 1; Hooded Merganser 8; Co. Merganser 15; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Wild Turkey 105; Bald Eagle 13; Sharp-shinned Hawk 3; Cooper's Hawk 1; No. Goshawk CW; Red-shouldered Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 10; Ring-billed Gull 85; Herring Gull 204; gull sp. 43; Rock Pigeon 182; Mourning Dove **343**; E. Screech-Owl 2; Barred Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker **23**; Downy Woodpecker 55; Hairy Woodpecker 13; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 6; Pileated Woodpecker 6; No. Shrike CW; Blue Jay 110; Am. Crow 353; Co. Raven 3; Horned Lark 1; Black-capped Chickadee 610; Tufted Titmouse 115; Red-breasted Nuthatch 15; White-breasted Nuthatch 86; Brown Creeper 4; Carolina Wren 9; Winter Wren **5**; Golden-crowned Kinglet 41; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 27;

Hermit Thrush 4; Am. Robin 15; No. Mockingbird 5; European Starling 1277; **Bohemian Waxwing 2**; Cedar Waxwing 97; Am. Tree Sparrow 135; Fox Sparrow 2; Song Sparrow 16; White-throated Sparrow 31; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 397; Snow Bunting CW; No. Cardinal **90**; Red-winged Blackbird CW; Purple Finch 1; House Finch 39; Pine Siskin 2; Am. Goldfinch 99; House Sparrow 132.

Total: 60 species. **Sponsor:** Sullivan County Audubon Society. **Participants:** Scott Baldinger, Arlene Borko, Kevin Brady, Mary Collier, Bill Cutler, Renee Davis, Patrick Dechon, Greg Faller, Bill Fiero, Valerie Freer, Margaret Gorton, Scott Graber, John Haas, Dick Hirshman, Phyllis Jones, Jamie Lo, Ruth McKoen, Deanna Mendels, **Daniel Niven (dniven@audubon.org)**, Aaron Schmitt, Barb Schmitt, Ken Schmitt, Rachel Schmitt, Kathy Scullion, Ruth Shursky, Dave Smith.

New Woodstock-Southern Highlands [NYNW]

42.85° N 75.82° W; 23 Dec 07; 38°-54° F; PM heavy rain; 12 observers. Total party hours 47.

Canada Goose 927; Am. Black Duck 4; Mallard 130; **No. Pintail 1**; Hooded Merganser 1; Co. Merganser 4; Ring-necked Pheasant 9; Ruffed Grouse 13; Wild Turkey 297; **Turkey Vulture** CW; No. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 3; Cooper's Hawk 1; No. Goshawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 24; Rough-legged Hawk 3; Am. Kestrel 2; Ring-billed Gull 10; Herring Gull 4; Rock Pigeon 735; Mourning Dove 738; Great Horned Owl CW; Barred Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 5; **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1**; Downy Woodpecker 33; Hairy Woodpecker 9; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 3; Pileated Woodpecker 2; Northern Shrike 3; Blue Jay 91; Am. Crow 986; Co. Raven 11; Horned Lark 13; Black-capped Chickadee 374; Tufted Titmouse 21; Red-breasted Nuthatch 10; White-breasted Nuthatch 21; Brown Creeper 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 10; E. Bluebird 10; Am. Robin 80; European Starling 1755; **Bohemian Waxwing** CW; Cedar Waxwing 396; Am. Tree Sparrow 46; **Fox Sparrow 1**; Song Sparrow CW; Swamp Sparrow CW; White-throated Sparrow 11; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 165; Snow Bunting **601**; No. Cardinal 24; **Co. Grackle 1**; Brown-headed Cowbird CW; **Pine Grosbeak 83**; Purple Finch 40; House Finch 65; Co. Redpoll 302; **Hoary Redpoll** 2; Pine Siskin 2; Am. Goldfinch 122; Evening Grosbeak 171; House Sparrow 175.

Total: 59 species. **Participants:** Bernie Carr, Kevin McGann, Bill Purcell, Judy Read, Linda Sherman, Tony Shrimpton, Julie Siler, **Matthew Young (grosbeak@clarityconnect.com)**.

Northern Nassau County [NYNN]

40.87° N 73.6° W; 22 Dec 07; 35°-40° F; AM cloudy; PM partly cloudy; 57 observers. Total party hours 241.

Snow Goose 4; 'Atlantic' Brant 267; Canada Goose **13747**; Mute Swan 112; Wood Duck 17; Gadwall 161; Eurasian Wigeon 1; Am. Wigeon 138; Am. Black Duck 537; Mallard 1153; No. Shoveler 4; No. Pintail 12; 'American' Green-winged Teal 19; Canvasback 165; Ring-necked Duck **59**; Greater Scaup 840; Lesser Scaup 38; White-winged Scoter 25; Long-tailed Duck 229; Bufflehead 444; Co. Goldeneye 269; **Barrow's Goldeneye 1**; Hooded Merganser **196**; Co. Merganser 6; Red-breasted Merganser 161; Ruddy Duck 56; duck sp. x Mallard hybrid 1; Red-throated Loon 4; Co. Loon 21; Pied-billed Grebe CW; Horned Grebe 7; No. Gannet 4; Double-crested Cormorant13; Great Cormorant 1; Great Blue Heron 33; Black-crowned Night-Heron 2; **Yellow-crowned**

Night-Heron 1; **Bald Eagle** CW; No. Harrier 5; Sharp-shinned Hawk 12; Cooper's Hawk 6; **Red-shouldered Hawk 1**; Red-tailed Hawk **59**; Am. Kestrel 2; Merlin 2; Peregrine Falcon 2; Am. Coot 2; Black-bellied Plover 6; Killdeer 3; Greater Yellowlegs 4; Ruddy Turnstone 4; Sanderling **330**; Purple Sandpiper 7; Dunlin 10; Wilson's Snipe **2**; Ring-billed Gull 1534; Herring Gull 1093; Great Black-backed Gull 110; Rock Pigeon 572; Mourning Dove 428; E. Screech-Owl 11; Great Horned Owl 6; **Snowy Owl 1**; ***Selasphorus* sp. 1**; Belted Kingfisher 17; Red-bellied Woodpecker **202**; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **12**; Downy Woodpecker 120; Hairy Woodpecker 41; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 60; E. Phoebe 1; No. Shrike **3**; Blue Jay 525; Am. Crow 201; Horned Lark CW; Black-capped Chickadee 359; Tufted Titmouse 188; Red-breasted Nuthatch 20; White-breasted Nuthatch 131; Brown Creeper 10; Carolina Wren 86; House Wren 1; Winter Wren 11; Golden-crowned Kinglet 30; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 8; E. Bluebird 5; Hermit Thrush 12; Am. Robin 661; Gray Catbird 15; No. Mockingbird 79; Brown Thrasher 3; European Starling 2581; **Bohemian Waxwing 2**; Cedar Waxwing 263; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 8; **Co. Yellowthroat 1**; E. Towhee 12; Am. Tree Sparrow 79; Chipping Sparrow **6**; Field Sparrow 3; Savannah Sparrow 5; **'Ipswich' Savannah Sparrow 1**; Fox Sparrow 22; Song Sparrow 279; Swamp Sparrow 10; White-throated Sparrow 1336; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 570; Snow Bunting 142; No. Cardinal 278; Red-winged Blackbird 50; Co. Grackle **3005**; Brown-headed Cowbird 4; Purple Finch 27; House Finch 110; Pine Siskin 1; Am. Goldfinch 177; House Sparrow 365.

Total: 113 species. **Participants:** Ed Becher, Brent E. Bomkamp, Brent W Bomkamp, Marc Brody, Sharon Brody, Blair Broughton, Abbey Brown, Ralph Cioffi, Barbara Connolly, Sam Crosby, Henry Dam, Simone Daros, Scott Emmons, Mary Eschwei, Catherine Fitts, Mary Beth Fitts, Barbara Garriel, Ken Harris, Paul Jablon, Linda Kedenburg, Rick Kedenburg, Rich Kelly, David Klauber, Norman Klein, Joe Landesberg, Allan Lindberg, Lois Lindberg, Chris Loscalzo, James Madden, Dan Mahoney, Ginger Mahoney, Ralph Matragrano, Bob May, Helen McClure, Stephanie Meister, Charlotte Miska, Wendy Murbach, Donald G. Niddrie, Lindy Nielsen, Lynne Normandia, Mary Normandia, Theresa Perez, Jennifer Pines, Zu Proly, **Glenn Quinn (gqcq@optonline.net)**, William Reeves, Mark Robinson, Vinnie Schiappa, Mike Shampanier, John Taylor, Russel W Taylor, Joanee Tow, Richard Turner, Aaron Virgon, Nancy Warny, Peter Warny. Peter Warny, Jr., Clem Wingert.

Oak Orchard Swamp [NYOO]

43.13° N 78.37° W; 27 Dec 07; 34°-42° F; AM cloudy, light rain; PM cloudy, light rain; 25 observers. Total party hours 80.5.

Canada Goose 439; Am. Black Duck 75; Mallard 188; Ruffed Grouse 3; Wild Turkey 81; Great Blue Heron 3; Bald Eagle 3; No. Harrier 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper's Hawk 4; Red-tailed Hawk 80; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel 14; Ring-billed Gull 239; Herring Gull 2; Great Black-backed Gull 8; Rock Pigeon 451; Mourning Dove 606; E. Screech-Owl 13; Great Horned Owl 8; Short-eared Owl 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 53; Downy Woodpecker 114; Hairy Woodpecker 25; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 25; Pileated Woodpecker 7; Northern Shrike 8; Blue Jay 209; Am. Crow 673; Horned Lark 13; Black-capped Chickadee 406; Tufted Titmouse 30; Red-breasted Nuthatch **10**; White-breasted Nuthatch 62; Brown Creeper 10; Golden-crowned Kinglet 5; E. Bluebird **33**; Am. Robin 47; European Starling 3566; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 7; Am. Tree Sparrow 740; Song Sparrow 7; Swamp Sparrow 4; White-throated Sparrow 38; White-crowned Sparrow 5; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 715; Lapland Longspur 1; Snow Bunting 531; No. Cardinal 209; Red-winged Blackbird 21; **Yellow-**

headed Blackbird 1 (AQ); Brown-headed Cowbird 3; Pine Grosbeak 11; House Finch 285; Co. Redpoll 21; Am. Goldfinch **463**; House Sparrow 1577.

Total: 57 species. **Participants:** Denise Appleby, Doug Bassett, Douglas Beattie, Elaine Dart, Mike Galas, Tad Gerace, Jack Hartwig, Paul Hess, Heidi Kennedy, Max Mason, Dr. Sue Mercer, Mahlon Miller, Nancy Miller, Celeste Morian, Tom O'Donnell, James Ochterski, Jim Pawlicki, Gail Price, Gerry Rising, Jim Rozanski, **Gail Seamans (gails@rochester.rr.com)**, Bethany Stephan, Paula Stone, Mike Vickner, Bill Watson, Elizabeth Wells.

Oneida [NYOD]

43.08° N 75.65° W; 1 Jan 08; 27°-38° F; AM partly cloudy, light rain, heavy snow; PM partly cloudy, light rain, heavy snow; 9 observers. Total party hours 40.25.

Snow Goose 1; **Cackling Goose 1**; Canada Goose 713; **Tundra Swan** CW; Am. Black Duck 76; Mallard 154; **unus sp. 1**; Co. Merganser **1421**; Am. Black Duck x Mallard hybrid **40**; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Ruffed Grouse 3; Wild Turkey **368**; Great Blue Heron 2; Bald Eagle 1; No. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 40; Rough-legged Hawk 3; *Buteo* sp. 1; Ring-billed Gull 374; Herring Gull 405; Iceland Gull **3**; Great Black-backed Gull 101; Rock Pigeon 702; Mourning Dove 469; E. Screech-Owl 3; Great Horned Owl 1; Barred Owl **2**; Red-bellied Woodpecker **15**; Downy Woodpecker 41; Hairy Woodpecker 26; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 1; Pileated Woodpecker 5; No. Shrike 4; Blue Jay 106; Am. Crow 665; **Co. Raven 2**; Horned Lark 56; Black-capped Chickadee 344; Tufted Titmouse 42; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 30; E. Bluebird 34; No. Mockingbird 1; European Starling 2253; Am. Tree Sparrow 171; Song Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 3; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco **95**; Snow Bunting 148; No. Cardinal 34; Red-winged Blackbird 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 1; Pine Grosbeak 5; Purple Finch 1; House Finch 206; Co. Redpoll 101; Pine Siskin 3; Am. Goldfinch 138; Evening Grosbeak CW; House Sparrow 381.

Total: 59 species. **Sponsor:** Nature Club of Central New York. **Participants:** Dave Baldrini, **Brenda Best (bestbird@verizon.net)**, Doug Linstruth. Bill Purcell, John Rogers, Cheri Sassman, Daniel Skinner, Deb Skinner, Sheila Smith.

Oneonta [NYOT]

42.55° N 74.98° W; 15 Dec 07; 5°-20° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 20 observers. Total party hours 58.25.

Canada Goose 904; Mallard **238**; Co. Merganser 10; Ruffed Grouse **17**; Wild Turkey 235; Bald Eagle 2; No. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 30; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Ring-billed Gull 5; Rock Pigeon 386; Mourning Dove 343; E. Screech-Owl 4; Great Horned Owl 5; Barred Owl 1; **No. Saw-whet Owl 2**; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 1; Downy Woodpecker 74; Hairy Woodpecker **38**; Pileated Woodpecker 6; No. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 346; Am. Crow 675; Co. Raven **31**; Horned Lark 20; Black-capped Chickadee **799**; Tufted Titmouse 67; Red-breasted Nuthatch 17; White-breasted Nuthatch **91**; Brown Creeper 1; Carolina Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 3; E. Bluebird **35**; **Hermit Thrush 1**; Am. Robin **16**; **Gray Catbird 1**; European Starling 1398; Cedar Waxwing 42; Am. Tree Sparrow **180**; White-throated Sparrow 2; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 280; Snow Bunting 103; No. Cardinal 43; Red-winged Blackbird **25**; Brown-headed Cowbird 3; Pine Grosbeak 14;

Purple Finch 22; House Finch 101; Co. Redpoll **241**; Pine Siskin 2; Am. Goldfinch 267; Evening Grosbeak 90; House Sparrow 90.

Total: 56 species. **Participants:** Dianne Benko, Sandra Bright, Jerry Cahill, Gerianne Carillo, Rod Carter, Martha Clarvoe, Frances Darrah, John Davis, Richard DeRosa, Bob Dewel, Bob Donnelly, Laurel Elder, Peter Fauth, Cherylyn Greiner, Elma Holway, Gary Holway, Peter Hujik, Marion Karl, Ann Kienhusen, David Kienhusen, Erick Knight, Barbara Marsala, Andy Mason, **J. Robert Miller (millerj3@hartwick.edu)**, Jean Miller, Eleanor Moriarty, Betty New, Jeff O'Handly, Sandra Perry, John Peterson, Liz Peterson, Katie Rey, Charles Scheim, Cathy Stackhaus, Jim Wheeling, Susan Young.

Orient [NYOR]

41.1° N 72.33° W; 29 Dec 07; 38°-48° F; AM foggy, heavy rain; PM cloudy; 57 observers. Total party hours 145.5.

Snow Goose 8; 'Atlantic' Brant 40; Canada Goose 2709; Mute Swan 88; Wood Duck 1; Gadwall 12; Am. Black Duck 1204; Mallard 560; No. Pintail 2; Canvasback 16; Ring-necked Duck **31**; Greater Scaup 73; Co. Eider 15; Surf Scoter 534; White-winged Scoter 916; Black Scoter 26; Long-tailed Duck 544; Bufflehead 1158; Co. Goldeneye 778; Hooded Merganser 99; Co. Merganser 2; Red-breasted Merganser 630; Ruddy Duck 10; Wild Turkey 4; No. Bobwhite 3; Red-throated Loon 16; Co. Loon 118; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Horned Grebe 77; No. Gannet 25; Double-crested Cormorant 9; Great Cormorant 7; cormorant sp. 1; Great Blue Heron 31; Black-crowned Night-Heron 1; No. Harrier 14; Sharp-shinned Hawk 15; Cooper's Hawk **7**; *Accipiter* sp. 4; Red-tailed Hawk 31; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel 3; Merlin 3; Peregrine Falcon 2; **Spotted Sandpiper 1 (GD)**; Greater Yellowlegs 1; Ruddy Turnstone 95; Sanderling 282; Purple Sandpiper 17; Dunlin **107**; Laughing Gull 1; Bonaparte's Gull 36; Ring-billed Gull 585; Herring Gull 1856; **Iceland Gull 1**; Great Black-backed Gull 198; Razorbill 3; Rock Pigeon 116; Mourning Dove 445; E. Screech-Owl 5; Great Horned Owl 9; Belted Kingfisher 15; Red-bellied Woodpecker 113; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **9**; Downy Woodpecker 91; Hairy Woodpecker 22; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 141; Blue Jay 436; Am. Crow 728; Horned Lark 83; Black-capped Chickadee 486; Tufted Titmouse 270; Red-breasted Nuthatch 17; White-breasted Nuthatch 138; Brown Creeper **21**; Carolina Wren 195; House Wren 1; Winter Wren **7**; **Sedge Wren 1 (HO, MD)**; Marsh Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 28; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 4; E. Bluebird 38; Hermit Thrush 18; Am. Robin 1026; Gray Catbird 28; No. Mockingbird 93; Brown Thrasher 4; European Starling 1624; Cedar Waxwing 8; Orange-crowned Warbler 1; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 141; **Prairie Warbler 1 (GD)**; Palm Warbler 1; Yellow-breasted Chat 1; E. Towhee 10; Am. Tree Sparrow 59; Chipping Sparrow 5; Field Sparrow 50; Savannah Sparrow 4; 'Ipswich' Savannah Sparrow 1; Fox Sparrow 7; Song Sparrow 294; Swamp Sparrow 18; White-throated Sparrow 812; White-crowned Sparrow 29; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco **351**; Snow Bunting 154; No. Cardinal 259; Red-winged Blackbird 174; Rusty Blackbird 3; Co. Grackle 5; Brown-headed Cowbird 24; Purple Finch **25**; House Finch 381; Co. Redpoll 4; Pine Siskin 21; Am. Goldfinch **286**; House Sparrow 316.

Total: 116 species. **Participants:** Carol Abrahams, Bob Adamo, Lillian Ball, Jim Benson, Susan Benson, Steve Biasetti, Tim Bohen, Kevin Brooks, John Brush Sr., John Brush Jr., Lou Celenza, Jim Clinton Jr., James Clinton Sr., James Clinton III, Mel Cowgill, Tom Damiani, Chris Gangemi, Carol Gelling, Robert Gelling, Bob Gerdts, Eileen Gerle, Nancy Gilbert, Nick Hamblet, Ethel Hill, Tom Johann, Richard Kaskan,

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Oswego-Fulton [NYOS]

43.37° N 76.45° W; 16 Dec 07; 34°-40° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 15 observers. Total party hours 43.0.

Canada Goose 2296; Am. Black Duck 7; Mallard 213; Canvasback CW; missing sp. CW, Ring-necked Duck 3; Greater Scaup CW; Lesser Scaup 18; **Harlequin Duck 1**; Surf Scoter CW; White-winged Scoter 4; Long-tailed Duck 64; Bufflehead 33; Co. Goldeneye 30; Hooded Merganser 4; Co. Merganser 7; Red-breasted Merganser 17; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey **73**; Co. Loon CW; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Double-crested Cormorant 16; Great Blue Heron 4; Bald Eagle CW; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 18; Am. Coot 5; Ring-billed Gull 4242; Herring Gull 3005; **Thayer's Gull 1**; Iceland Gull **14**; **Lesser Black-backed Gull 2**; Glaucous Gull 6; Great Black-backed Gull 392; **Forster's Tern** CW (AQ); Rock Pigeon **777**; Mourning Dove 239; E. Screech-Owl 2; Great Horned Owl 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 12; Downy Woodpecker 46; Hairy Woodpecker 15; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 1; Pileated Woodpecker 3; No. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 62; Am. Crow **628**; **Co. Raven 2**; Black-capped Chickadee 219; Tufted Titmouse 34; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 43; Brown Creeper 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 30; Am. Robin 3; European Starling 178; Cedar Waxwing 74; "Myrtle" Yellow-rumped Warbler 1; Am. Tree Sparrow 80; Song Sparrow 3; White-throated Sparrow 4; **White-crowned Sparrow 1**; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 109; Snow Bunting 50; No. Cardinal 33; Pine Grosbeak 28; House Finch 50; Co. Redpoll 318; **Hoary Redpoll 1**; Am. Goldfinch 32; House Sparrow 261.

Total: 66 species. **Participants:** Brenda Best, Sue Boettger, Joe Brin, Bernie Carr, Bob Fisk, Kayla Fisk, Bill Gruenbaum, Catherine Landis, Kevin McGann, John H Moore, **Bill Purcell (wpurcell@twcny.rr.com), Margaret Rusk**, Julie Siler, Judith Thurber, Matt Young.

Owego [NYOW]

42.12° N 76.35° W; 30 Dec 07; 25°-35° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 17 observers. Total party hours 29.25.

Snow Goose 1; Canada Goose 2479; Mallard 42; Co. Merganser 46; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 143; Great Blue Heron 1; Bald Eagle 2; No. Harrier 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 54; Rough-legged Hawk 5; Am. Kestrel 5; Ring-billed Gull 1; Herring Gull 2; Rock Pigeon 1037; Mourning Dove 344; E. Screech-Owl CW; Great Horned Owl 3; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 17; Downy Woodpecker 49; Hairy Woodpecker 17; No. Flicker 4; Pileated Woodpecker 9; No. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 242; Am. Crow 1049; Fish Crow 1; Black-capped Chickadee 391; Tufted Titmouse 74; White-breasted Nuthatch 62; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 6; E. Bluebird **50**; No. Mockingbird 3; European Starling 1329; Cedar Waxwing 90; Am. Tree Sparrow 67; Song Sparrow 3; White-throated Sparrow 3; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed

Junco 279; No. Cardinal 67; Brown-headed Cowbird 1; House Finch 54; Co. Redpoll 84; Am. Goldfinch 138; House Sparrow 331.
Total: 47 species. **Participants:** Ester Angert, Cutler Baldwin, Jeannette Baldwin, Lois Bingley, Eleanor Ernst, Spencer Hunt, Diane Krein, David McCartt, Ron Milliken, Tom Morse, **Rita Pantle (rjpbird@frontiernet.net)**, Robert Pantle, Linda Price, George Wade, Don Weber, Joanne Weber, Colleen Wolpert.

Pawling (Hidden Valley) [NYHV]

41.53° N 73.57° W; 1 Jan 08; 28°-39° F; AM partly clear, heavy snow; PM partly clear, light rain, light snow; 34 observers. Total party hours 101.25.

Snow Goose 1; Canada Goose 689; Mute Swan 11; Wood Duck 1; Am. Black Duck 21; Mallard 222; Ring-necked Duck 17; Bufflehead 11; Hooded Merganser 68; Co. Merganser 555; Ruddy Duck 23; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 85; Pied-billed Grebe 1; **Double-crested Cormorant 1**; Great Blue Heron 1; Black Vulture **49**; Bald Eagle 6; No. Harrier 4; Sharp-shinned Hawk 7; Cooper's Hawk 7; No. Goshawk 1; Red-shouldered Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 67; **Merlin 1**; Am. Coot 7; Ring-billed Gull 735; Herring Gull 61; Rock Pigeon 114; Mourning Dove 423; E. Screech-Owl 18; Great Horned Owl 9; Barred Owl 3; No. Saw-whet Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker 84; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **10**; Downy Woodpecker 139; Hairy Woodpecker 29; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker **73**; Pileated Woodpecker **13**; Blue Jay 397; Am. Crow 927; Fish Crow 2; Co. Raven 8; Horned Lark 8; Black-capped Chickadee 859; Tufted Titmouse 314; Red-breasted Nuthatch 5; White-breasted Nuthatch 139; Brown Creeper 8; Carolina Wren **36**; Winter Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 34; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird **249**; Hermit Thrush 6; Am. Robin **1303**; Gray Catbird 6; No. Mockingbird 33; European Starling 1345; Cedar Waxwing 310; Am. Tree Sparrow 153; Field Sparrow 17; Savannah Sparrow 1; Fox Sparrow CW; Song Sparrow 100; Swamp Sparrow 10; White-throated Sparrow **719**; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco **818**; No. Cardinal 235; Red-winged Blackbird **428**; **E. Meadowlark 3**; **Yellow-headed Blackbird 1** (GD); Rusty Blackbird 10; Co. Grackle **674**; Brown-headed Cowbird 47; **Pine Grosbeak** CW; Purple Finch 34; House Finch 209; Co. Redpoll 72; Pine Siskin 9; Am. Goldfinch 188; House Sparrow 159.

Total: 84 species. **Participants:** Barbara Butler, Betsy Carswell, Bob Cartoceti, Binny Chase, **Angela Dimmitt**, Jim Dugan, Larry Fischer, Dorothy Fleury, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Sibyll Gilbert, Steve Golladay, Carol Hamilton, Linton Hamilton, Rodney Johnson, Margery Josephson, Anne Kehmna, Bill Liedlich, Nancy Liedlich, Allan Michelin, Barbara Michelin, Judy Kelley Moberg, Nancy Nichols, Maryanne Pitts, **Carena Pooth (pawlingcbc@watermanbirdclub.org)**, Linda Potter, Olaf Soltau, Sally Spence, Lauri Taylor, Nick Thold, Herb Thompson, Jim Utter, Chet Vincent, Bill Wallace.

Peekskill [NYPE]

41.25° N 73.85° W; 15 Dec 07; 25°-28° F; AM clear; PM cloudy; 33 observers. Total party hours 108.

Snow Goose 1; **'Atlantic' Brant 70;** Canada Goose **4423**; Mute Swan 65; Wood Duck 5; Am. Black Duck 103; Mallard 733; Canvasback 264; Ring-necked Duck 62; Greater Scaup 49; Lesser Scaup 36; Bufflehead 61; Co. Goldeneye 2; Hooded Merganser 194; Hooded Merganser 194; Co. Merganser 471; Ruddy Duck 93; Wild Turkey 16; Co. Loon 2; Pied-billed Grebe 4; Great Cormorant 17; Great Blue Heron 8; Black Vulture 8;

Turkey Vulture 59; Bald Eagle 27; No. Harrier 5; Sharp-shinned Hawk 11; Cooper's Hawk 5; No. Goshawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 59; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Peregrine Falcon 1; Am. Coot 152; Ring-billed Gull 853; Herring Gull 71; Great Black-backed Gull 11; Rock Pigeon 211; Mourning Dove 230; E. Screech-Owl 5; Great Horned Owl 2; Barred Owl 4; Long-eared Owl **2**; Belted Kingfisher 13; Red-bellied Woodpecker 84; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 12; Downy Woodpecker 101; Hairy Woodpecker 25; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 23; Pileated Woodpecker 6; Blue Jay 321; Am. Crow **941**; Fish Crow 2; Horned Lark 33; Black-capped Chickadee 547; Tufted Titmouse 301; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 148; Brown Creeper 9; Carolina Wren 49; Winter Wren 10; Golden-crowned Kinglet 30; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 10; E. Bluebird 47; Hermit Thrush 12; Am. Robin 317; Gray Catbird 12; No. Mockingbird 46; European Starling 1256; Am. Pipit **33**; Cedar Waxwing 77; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 1; Am. Tree Sparrow 175; Field Sparrow 3; Savannah Sparrow 3; Fox Sparrow 11; Song Sparrow 210; Swamp Sparrow 9; White-throated Sparrow 719; White-crowned Sparrow 2; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 863; Snow Bunting 8; No. Cardinal 211; Red-winged Blackbird 41; Rusty Blackbird **94**; Co. Grackle 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 19; Purple Finch 8; House Finch 81; Red Crossbill 10; Co. Redpoll 21; Am. Goldfinch 133; House Sparrow 173.

Total: 91 species. **Participants: John Askildsen (askildsen@verizon.net)**, Joan Becker, Peter Becker, Richard Becker, Michael Bochnik, Tom Cavano, Chris Drury, Walter Fowler, Margaret Freifeld, Chris Gorman, John Grant, Ed Higgins, Pete Hillman, Rik Kaufman, Michael Kogut, Allen Kurtz, Paul Kuznia, Paul Lewis, Daniel Littrell. Richard Machin, Michael Newhouse, Joseph O'Connell, Ralph Odell, Paul Oehrlein, Nannette Orr, Anne Osborn, Charlie Roberto, Saul Scheinbach, Stephen Sepe, Ponie Sheehan, Anne Swaim, Larry Trachtenberg, Henry Turner, James Utter, Gary Van Asselt, Bill Van Wart, William Wallace.

Plattsburgh [NYPL]

44.65° N 73.48° W; 16 Dec 07; 7°-14° F; AM cloudy, heavy snow; PM cloudy, heavy snow; 19 observers. Total party hours 42.75.

Snow Goose 1; Canada Goose 111; Am. Black Duck 11; Mallard 513; Greater Scaup CW; Lesser Scaup 1; **Long-tailed Duck** CW; Bufflehead 1; Co. Goldeneye 89; Hooded Merganser 5; Co. Merganser 201; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 50; Co. Loon 1; Horned Grebe CW; Bald Eagle CW; No. Harrier CW; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 1; Rough-legged Hawk CW; Ring-billed Gull 107; Herring Gull 8; Great Black-backed Gull 71; Rock Pigeon 337; Mourning Dove 406; **Short-eared Owl** CW; Downy Woodpecker 48; Hairy Woodpecker 46; 'Northern' Yellow-shafted Flicker 2; Pileated Woodpecker 3; Blue Jay 175; Am. Crow 425; Co. Raven 1; Horned Lark 26; Black-capped Chickadee 523; Tufted Titmouse 20; Red-breasted Nuthatch 12; White-breasted Nuthatch 42; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren **2**; E. Bluebird 3; Am. Robin 6; European Starling 374; Bohemian Waxwing 575; Cedar Waxwing CW; Am. Tree Sparrow 93; Song Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 3; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 301; Lapland Longspur CW; Snow Bunting 65; No. Cardinal **129**; Red-winged Blackbird 2; Rusty Blackbird 1; Co. Grackle 14; Brown-headed Cowbird 11; Pine Grosbeak 108; Purple Finch 4; House Finch 130; Co. Redpoll **258**; Pine Siskin 33; Am. Goldfinch 242; Evening Grosbeak 11; House Sparrow 204.

Total: 57 species. **Participants:** Derek Allan, Tom Armstrong, Robin Brown, Gwendoline Canteenwalla, Una Carey-Creeden, Joy Cayea, Walter Coryea, Julie Dumas, Elizabeth Fitts, **Judith Heintz (heintzjf@verizon.net)**, Candace Hess, Harold Klein,

Willian Krueger, Dayna Lalonde, Julie Lattrell, **Melanie McCormack**, Janet Mihuc, Karen Moffa, Michelle Snyder, Tim Snyder, Gary Sturgis, Irma Teittinen, Dan Vogt, Katharine White.

Putnam County [NYPC]

41.4° N 73.8° W; 29 Dec 07; 37°-51° F; AM foggy; PM clear; 46 observers. Total party hours 137.0.

Canada Goose 445; Mute Swan 30; Wood Duck CW; Gadwall 1; Am. Black Duck 54; Mallard 268; Ring-necked Duck 288; Greater Scaup 1; **Long-tailed Duck 1**; Bufflehead 71; Co. Goldeneye 9; Hooded Merganser 228; Co. Merganser 843; Ruddy Duck 132; Wild Turkey 36; Co. loon 1; Pied-billed Grebe 3; Great Cormorant 2; Great Blue Heron 3; Black Vulture 45; Turkey Vulture 41; Bald Eagle 8; Sharp-shinned Hawk **9**; Cooper's Hawk 5; Red-shouldered Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk **76**; **Golden Eagle 1 (AQ)**; Merlin 1; Am. Coot 127; Ring-billed Gull **973**; Herring Gull 79; Great Black-backed Gull 21; Rock Pigeon 126; Mourning Dove 239; E. Screech-Owl 5; Great Horned Owl 2; Barred Owl 2; **Long-eared Owl (ph)**; Belted Kingfisher 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 66; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 8; Downy Woodpecker 119; Hairy Woodpecker 34; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 40; Pileated Woodpecker 20; Blue Jay 460; Am. Crow 581; Fish Crow 1; Co. Raven **21**; Black-capped Chickadee 967; Tufted Titmouse 466; Red-breasted Nuthatch 4; White-breasted Nuthatch 213; Brown Creeper 12; Carolina Wren 45; Winter Wren 9; Golden-crowned Kinglet 43; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 4; E. Bluebird **147**; Hermit Thrush 13; Am. Robin 489; Gray Catbird 3; No. Mockingbird 34; European Starling 590; Cedar Waxwing 179; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 8; Am. Tree Sparrow 148; Field Sparrow 1; Fox Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 110; Swamp Sparrow 5; White-throated Sparrow 486; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 716; No. Cardinal 217; Red-winged Blackbird 20; Rusty Blackbird 4; Co. Grackle 3; Brown-headed Cowbird 21; Purple Finch 3; House Finch 122; Red Crossbill **22**; Co. Redpoll 26; Pine Siskin 8; Am. Goldfinch 123; House Sparrow 258.

Total: 85 species. **Participants:** John Askildsen, Trudy Battaly, Marc Breslav,Patti Carano, Tom Carano, Betsy Carswell, Joe Cullen, David Doroughty, Chris Drury, Emaline Drury, Nicole Drury, Nancy Durr, Douglas Gochfeld, Robert Gochfeld, Josh Golde, Angela Gorman, Chris Gorman, Christina Gorman, Teresa Gorman, Pat Grove, Shirl Kaplan, Rik Kaufman, Judy Kelley, Ian Kingsley, Lew Kingsley, Mike Kobut, Kirsten Lewis, Rich Machin, Stephanie McGuire, Alan Michelin, Barbara Michelin, Ralph Odell, Drew Panko, Gerhard Patch, John Plutino, Michael Presutti, Joe Qiugano, **Charlie Roberto (ccamroberto@verizon.net)**, Arlene Seymour, Ponie Sheehan, Jane Shumsky, Robert Slechta, David Small, Lauri Taylor, Lori Taylor, Larry Trachtenberg, Henry Turner, Bill Wallace, Loretta Wallace, Janet Zeman.

Queens [NYQU]

40.7° N 73.75° W; 15 Dec 07; 28°-36° F; AM clear; PM partly cloudy; 22 observers. Total party hours 78.25.

Snow Goose 674; 'Atlantic' Brant 2056; **Cackling Goose 1;** Canada Goose 2947; Mute Swan 25; Wood Duck 1; Gadwall 27; Am. Wigeon 77; Am. Black Duck 392; Mallard 1064; No. Shoveler 133; No. Pintail 3; 'American' Green-winged Teal 24; Canvasback 8; Redhead 20; Ring-necked Duck 18; Greater Scaup 1263; Lesser Scaup 100; **Harlequin Duck 2**; White-winged Scoter 8; scoter sp. 14; Long-tailed Duck 13; Bufflehead 478; Co. Goldeneye 35; Hooded Merganser **140**; Co. Merganser 7; Red-

breasted Merganser 535; Ruddy Duck 441; Ring-necked Pheasant 5; Red-throated Loon 3; Co. Loon 9; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Horned Grebe 35; **Red-necked Grebe 1**; No. Gannet **2100**; Double-crested Cormorant 41; Great Cormorant 8; Great Blue Heron 26; Great Egret 1; Black-crowned Night-Heron 17; No. Harrier 16; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper's Hawk 4; Red-tailed Hawk **37**; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel 1; Merlin 3; Peregrine Falcon 3; Virginia Rail 1; Am. Coot 31; Black-bellied Plover 2; Semipalmated Plover 1; Killdeer 4; Ruddy Turnstone 10; Sanderling 226; Purple Sandpiper 13; Dunlin CW; **Wilson's Snipe 1**; Am. Woodcock 2; Bonaparte's Gull CW; Ring-billed Gull 2755; Herring Gull 1074; Great Black-backed Gull 224; Rock Pigeon 593; Mourning Dove 128; Monk Parakeet **35**; Great Horned Owl CW; **Long-eared Owl** CW; Short-eared Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 6; Red-bellied Woodpecker 43; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 5; Downy Woodpecker 58; Hairy Woodpecker 4; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 14; Blue Jay 44; Am. Crow 51; Fish Crow 5; Horned Lark **96**; Black-capped Chickadee 65; Tufted Titmouse 44; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 44; Brown Creeper 1; Carolina Wren 17; **House Wren** CW; Winter Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 7; Hermit Thrush 8; Am. Robin **395**; Gray Catbird 5; No. Mockingbird 53; European Starling 1717; Cedar Waxwig 1; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 171; **Yellow-breasted Chat** CW; E. Towhee 3; Am. Tree Sparrow 37; Chipping Sparrow 2; Field Sparrow 1; Savannah Sparrow 5; Fox Sparrow 20; Song Sparrow 85; Swamp Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow **648**; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 153; Snow Bunting 245; No. Cardinal 100; Red-winged Blackbird 221; Rusty Blackbird 153; Co. Grackle 1059; Boat-tailed Grackle 38; Brown-headed Cowbird 5; Purple Finch CW; House Finch 99; **Red Crossbill 1**; Co. Redpoll **61**; Pine Siskin 1; Am. Goldfinch 55; House Sparrow 559.

Total: 113 species. **Participants:** Seth Ausubel, Mary Ceasar; Victoria Collett, George Dadone, **Robert Dieterich (robertdieterich@hotmail.com)**, Stephen Ferrari, David Gillen, Linda Kedenburg, Bernard Klempner, Linda Klempner, Alexei Kondratiev, Stuart Lipkin, Jean Loscalzo, Eric Miller, Lawrence Plotnick, Zu Proly, Ian Resnick, Starr Saphir, Donna Schulman, Peter Shen, Gary Straus, Lou Widerka.

Quogue-Watermill [NYQW]

40.87° N 72.47° W; 15 Dec 07; 28°-35° F; AM clear; PM partly cloudy; 25 observers. Total party hours 86.0.

'Atlantic' Brant 99; Canada Goose 3064; Mute Swan 187; Wood Duck 2; Gadwall 6; **Eurasian Wigeon 1**; Am. Wigeon 30; Am. Black Duck 801; Mallard 767; No. Shoveler 38; No. Pintail **11**; Canvasback 26; Redhead 3; Ring-necked Duck 27; Greater Scaup 11; Lesser Scaup 150; scaup sp. 40; Co. Eider **36**; Surf Scoter 1360; White-winged Scoter 238; Black Scoter 933; scoter sp. 2000; Long-tailed Duck 365; Bufflehead 411; Co. Goldeneye 117; Hooded Merganser **404**; Co. Merganser 1; Red-breasted Merganser 620; Ruddy Duck 1574; Ring-necked Pheasant 12; Wild Turkey 12; Red-throated Loon 58; Co. Loon 145; Pied-billed Grebe 8; Horned Grebe 17; No. Gannet 362; Double-crested Cormorant 22; Great Cormorant 2; Am. Bittern 2; Great Blue Heron 63; Great Egret 2; Black-crowned Night-Heron 1; **Bald Eagle 1**; No. Harrier 12; Sharp-shinned Hawk 7; Cooper's Hawk 3; *Accipiter* sp. 1; Red-tailed Hawk **21**; Rough-legged Hawk 3; Am. Kestrel 1; Merlin 2; Peregrine Falcon 1; Am. Coot 35; Black-bellied Plover 68; **Semipalmated Plover 2**; Killdeer 1; Greater Yellowlegs 11; **Willet 1**; Sanderling 152; Dunlin 102; Am. Woodcock 2; Bonaparte's Gull 6; Ring-billed Gull 302; Herring Gull 731; Great Black-backed Gull 194; Razorbill 1; Rock Pigeon 74; Mourning Dove 170; E. Screech-Owl 8; Great Horned Owl 4; **Long-eared Owl 1**;Belted Kingfisher 9; Red-bellied Woodpecker 23; Downy Woodpecker 23; Hairy Woodpecker 1; 'Yellow-shafted'

No. Flicker 39; **No. Shrike 1**; Blue Jay 125; Am. Crow 985; Horned Lark 7; Black-capped Chickadee 291; Tufted Titmouse **80**; Red-breasted Nuthatch **131**; White-breasted Nuthatch **39**; Brown Creeper **13**; Carolina Wren 52; Winter Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 15; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 4; E. Bluebird 14; Hermit Thrush 2; Am. Robin **915**; Gray Catbird 11; No. Mockingbird 51; Brown Thrasher 1; European Starling 1185; Am. Pipit 4; Cedar Waxwing 9; Orange-crowned Warbler 1; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 182; Pine Warbler 1; Co. Yellowthroat 1; Yellow-breasted Chat 1; E. Towhee 11; Am. Tree Sparrow 7; Field Sparrow 8; Savannah Sparrow 5; 'Ipswich' Savannah Sparrow 1; Fox Sparrow 2; Song Sparrow 136; Swamp Sparrow **45**; White-throated Sparrow 449; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 170; Snow Bunting 60; No. Cardinal 99; Red-winged Blackbird 6; E. Meadowlark 6; Co. Grackle 403; **Pine Grosbeak 10**; Purple Finch 4; House Finch 149; Red Crossbill **19**; Co. Redpoll 3; Pine Siskin 6; Am. Goldfinch 133; House Sparrow 116.

Total: 123 species. **Participants:** Andy Baldelli, James Benson, Susan Benson, **Steve Biasetti (sbiasetti@eastendenvironment.org)**, Ben Chaleff, James Clinton Jr., James Clinton Sr., Mel Cowgill, Eileen Gerle, Mike Higgiston, Jay Kuhlman, Edward Kush, Tim Lambertson, Andrew Murphy, Debbie Robertaccio, Rich Sautkulis, Al Scherzer, Eileen Schwinn, Don Spates, Gigi Spates, Carolyn Spilman, Carl Starace, Linda Sullivan, Sally Swain.

Rochester [NYRH]

43.22° N 77.65° W; 16 Dec 07; 12°-23° F; AM cloudy, light rain, light snow; PM cloudy, light/heavy snow; 32 observers. Total party hours 74.75.

Canada Goose **5794**; Mute Swan 52; Gadwall CW; Am. Black Duck 8; Mallard 278; 'American' Green-winged Teal CW; Redhead CW; Greater Scaup 82; Lesser Scaup CW; Surf Scoter CW; White-winged Scoter 47; Black Scoter CW; Long-tailed Duck 86; Bufflehead 10; Co. Goldeneye 219; Hooded Merganser CW; Co. Merganser 106; Red-breasted Merganser 109; Wild Turkey 54; Red-throated Loon 1; Co. Loon CW; Pied-billed Grebe CW; Horned Grebe CW; Red-necked Grebe CW; Double-crested Cormorant 3; Great Blue Heron 5; Bald Eagle 1; No. Harrier 5; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper's Hawk 4; Red-tailed Hawk 20; Am. Kestrel 1; Merlin CW; Peregrine Falcon CW; Am. Coot 4; Killdeer CW; Bonaparte's Gull 51; Ring-billed Gull 2633; Herring Gull 329; **Thayer's Gull** CW; Iceland Gull 1; Lesser Black-backed Gull CW; **Slaty-backed Gull** CW (PH); Glaucous Gull 2; Great Black-backed Gull 70; Rock Pigeon 168; Mourning Dove 307; E. Screech-Owl 15; Great Horned Owl 1; Short-eared Owl CW; Belted Kingfisher CW; Red-bellied Woodpecker 56; Downy Woodpecker 87; Hairy Woodpecker 35; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 13; Pileated Woodpecker 5; No.Shrike CW; Blue Jay 104; Am. Crow **20174**; Horned Lark CW; Black-capped Chickadee 283; Tufted Titmouse 66; Red-breasted Nuthatch 17; White-breasted Nuthatch 52; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 8; Winter Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 4; Hermit Thrush 1; Am. Robin 880; No. Mockingbird 4; European Starling 2093; Bohemian Waxwing CW; Cedar Waxwing 198; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 1; Am. Tree Sparrow 53; Song Sparrow 7; Swamp Sparrow CW; White-throated Sparrow 67; White-crowned Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 182; Snow Bunting CW; No. Cardinal 213; Red-winged Blackbird 19; Co. Grackle CW; Brown-headed Cowbird CW; Pine Grosbeak CW; House Finch 117; White-winged Crosbill CW; Co. Redpoll 104; Pine Siskin 2; Am. Goldfinch 237; House Sparrow 698.

Total: 94 species. **Participants:** Carolyn Barnhart, Jerry Barnhart, Douglas Bassett, John Boettcher, Bruce Cady, Mary Ann Cady, Peter Debes, Sharon Galbraith, Andrew

Garland, Kevin Griffith, Kim Hartquist, Gregory Lawrence, Bill Maier, Bob Marcotte, Cindy Marino, Chita McKinney, Robert McKinney, Tom Painting, Norma Platt, Shirley Shaw, **Dominic Sherony**, Judy Slein, **Robert Spahn (rspahn@prodigy.net)**, David Strong, Kimberly Sucy, Jerry Sullivan, David Tetlow, Mike Tetlow, Donald Traver, Donna Traver, Kinsley Whittum, Kory Whittum.

Rockland County [NYRC]

41.13° N 73.97° W; 22 Dec 07; 32°-38° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 33 observers. Total party hours 71.25.

'Atlantic' Brant CW; Canada Goose 1798; Mute Swan 71; Wood Duck 12; Gadwall 181; **Eurasian Wigeon 1 (PS)**; Am. Wigeon 6; Am. Black Duck 44; Mallard 1011; No. Shoveler 36; Canvasback 145; Redhead 4; Ring-necked Duck 35; Bufflehead 36; Co. Goldeneye 1; Hooded Merganser 81; Co. Merganser 425; Ruddy Duck 297; Wild Turkey 66; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Double-crested Cormorant 2; Great Cormorant 2; Great Blue Heron 35; **Great Egret** CW (ph); Black Vulture **54**; Turkey Vulture 59; Bald Eagle **29**; No. Harrier 4; Sharp-shinned Hawk **11**; Cooper's Hawk **9**; Red-shouldered Hawk CW; Red-tailed Hawk **59**; Am. Kestrel 1; Peregrine Falcon 1; Am. Coot 106; Wilson's Snipe 1; Ring-billed Gull 2630; Herring Gull 60; Glaucous Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 25; Rock Pigeon 485; Mourning Dove 408; E. Screech-Owl 7; Great Horned Owl 5; Barred Owl 3; Short-eared Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 15; Red-bellied Woodpecker **81**; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2; Downy Woodpecker 127; Hairy Woodpecker 15; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 31; Pileated Woodpecker 4; Blue Jay 371; Am. Crow 353; Fish Crow 8; Co. Raven 3; Horned Lark **40**; Black-capped Chickadee 240; Tufted Titmouse 204; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 83; Brown Creeper 1; Carolina Wren 33; Winter Wren 8; Golden-crowned Kinglet 4; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 4; Hermit Thrush 5; Am. Robin 314; Gray Catbird 2; No. Mockingbird 59; European Starling 1609; Am. Pipit 6; Cedar Waxwing 43; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 5; Am. Tree Sparrow 57; Field Sparrow 2; Savannah Sparrow 2; Fox Sparrow 3; Song Sparrow 154; Swamp Sparrow 3; White-throated Sparrow 430; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 519; Snow Bunting 1; No. Cardinal 142; Red-winged Blackbird 2686; Co. Grackle 3; Purple Finch 2; House Finch 82; Co. Redpoll 1; Pine Siskin 3; Am. Goldfinch 101; House Sparrow 513.

Total: 91 species. **Participants:** Danny Albantides, Barry Babcock, Eugene Brown, Drew Ciganek, Ronald Conzo, Karen D'Alessandri, Azucena Dow, Tom Dow, Bernie Doyle, Philip Faurot, Susan Freiman, Anne French, Padraic French, Larrie Goetz, Anita Gossett, Christopher Healy, Gene Herskovics, Karl Knoecklein, Bonnie Koop, Veronika Krause, Ken McNichol, Tom Micelli, Patricia Murray, Vince Plogar, Jim Previdi, Tom Rowe, Helen Russell, Ronnie Smith, Joan Totton, Jessie Traband, Carol Weiss, **Alan Wells (awells@bestweb.net), Della Wells.**

Rome [NYRM[

43.22° N 75.33° W; 30 Dec 07; 32°-36° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 16 observers. Total party hours 38.0.

Canada Goose 18; **Gadwall 3**; Am. Black Duck 18; Mallard 122; Co. Merganser 10; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 160; Bald Eagle 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 3; No. Goshwk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 22; Rough-legged Hawk CW; Ring-billed Gull 102; Herring Gull 1; Rock Pigeon 792; Mourning Dove 302; Barred Owl 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 7; Downy Woodpecker 36; Hairy Woodpecker 19; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 2; Pileated Woodpecker **9**; No. Shrike 5; Blue Jay 151; Am. Crow 435; Co.

Raven 2; Black-capped Chickadee 479; Tufted Titmouse 12; Red-breasted Nuthatch 6; White-breasted Nuthatch 36; Brown Creeper 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; E. Bluebird 10; Am. Robin 25; European Starling 1037; Cedar Waxwing 170; Am. Tree Sparrow 23; Song Sparrow 6; White-throated Sparrow 4; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 80; Snow Bunting 150; No. Cardinal 13; Brown-headed Cowbird **42**; Pine Grosbeak 38; Purple Finch 3; House Finch 44; Co. Redpoll 320; Am. Goldfinch 71; Evening Grosbeak 21; House Sparrow 135.

Total: 51 species. **Bruce Carpenter (brucecar@aol.com)**, Cindy Carpenter, Candis Cesari, Dave Cesari, Don Hart, Dick Hill, Katelyn Hurley, Laura Hurley, William Parkin, Bill Purcell, Debbie Ringlehan, John Ringlehan, Dan Smith, Garrie Smith, Maureen Staloff.

Sagaponack [NYSG]

40.92° N 72.23° W; 16 Dec 07; 33°-41° F; AM cloudy, heavy rain; PM cloudy, light rain; 16 observers. Total party hours 78.5.

Snow Goose 18; Canada Goose 19506; Mute Swan 167; Tundra Swan 2; Wood Duck 6; Gadwall 18; Am. Wigeon 20; Am. Black Duck 389; Mallard 605; No. Pintail 6; 'American' Green-winged Teal 8; Ring-necked Duck 10; Greater Scaup 4; Co. Eider 3; Surf Scoter 63; White-winged Scoter 118; Black Scoter 252; scoter sp. 560; Long-tailed Duck 97; Bufflehead 156; Co. Goldeneye 35; Hooded Merganser 51; Co. Merganser 13; Red-breasted Merganser 110; Ruddy Duck 14; Ring-necked Pheasant 9; Wild Turkey **35**; Red-throated Loon 6; Co. Loon 37; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Horned Grebe 23; No. Gannet 86; Double-crested Cormorant 5; Great Cormorant CW; Great Blue Heron 14; No. Harrier 7; Sharp-shinned Hawk 6; Cooper's Hawk 1; *Accipiter* sp. 1; Red-tailed Hawk 6; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel CW; Merlin 3; Peregrine Falcon 1; Am. Coot 29; Black-bellied Plover 2; Killdeer 3; Sanderling **512**; Purple Sandpiper CW; Dunlin **168**; Wilson's Snipe 1; Laughing Gull 1; **Little Gull 1**; Bonaparte's Gull 37; Ring-billed Gull 361; Herring Gull 769; Lesser Black-backed Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 258; **Dovekie 1**; Razorbill **3**; Rock Pigeon 270; Mourning Dove 1102; E. Screech-Owl 3; Great Horned Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker 10; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3; Downy Woodpecker 34; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 28; Blue Jay 182; Am. Crow 225; Horned Lark 183; Black-capped Chickadee 228; Tufted Titmouse 93; Red-breasted Nuthatch 24; White-breasted Nuthatch 41; Brown Creeper 5; Carolina Wren 70; Winter Wren 8; Marsh Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 5; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 5; Hermit Thrush 5; Am. Robin **1779**; Gray Catbird 24; No. Mockingbird 67; Brown Thrasher 5; European Starling 1820; Am. Pipit 63; **Bohemian Waxwing 3**; Cedar Waxwing 146; Orange-crowned Warbler 1; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 41; Pine Warbler 1; Palm Warbler 1; Yellow-breasted Chat 2; E. Towhee 12; Am. Tree Sparrow 12; Chipping Sparrow 1; Field Sparrow 24; Savannah Sparrow 34; 'Ipswich' Savannah Sparrow 1; Fox Sparrow 30; Song Sparrow 426; Swamp Sparrow 20; White-throated Sparrow 986; 'Eastern' White-crowned Sparrow 44; **'Gambel's' White-crowned Sparrow 3**; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 281; Lapland Longspur 1; Snow Bunting 76; No. Cardinal 152; **Indigo Bunting** CW; Red-winged Blackbird 703; E. Meadowlark 5; Rusty Blackbird 3; Co. Grackle 4601; Brown-headed Cowbird 514; Purple Finch 12; House Finch 51; Co. Redpoll 3; Am. Goldfinch 108; House Sparrow 70.

Total: 116 species. **Participants:** Jim Ash, Andy Baldelli, Steve Biasetti, Tom Brown, Douglas Futuyma, Rich Gostic, Brian Kane, Bob McGrath, **Hugh McGuinness (hmcguinness@ross.org)**, Bryan Pfeiffer, Peter Polshek, Chris Roberts, Barbara Rubinstein, Karen Rubinstein, Carl Starace, Sally Swain.

Salem [NYSA]

43.13° N 73.42° W; 5 Jan 08; 3°-34° F; AM partly clear; PM cloudy; 27 observers. Total party hours 61.75.

Canada Goose 146 LC; Am. Black Duck 12 LC; Mallard 382; Co. Goldeneye 25; Co. Merganser **84**; Ruffed Grouse 2; Wild Turkey 165; Great Blue Heron 1; Bald Eagle **10**; No. Harrier **5**; Sharp-shinned Hawk CW; Cooper's Hawk **9**; Red-tailed Hawk 69; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel 1; Rock Pigeon 2075; Mourning Dove 824; Great Horned Owl CW; Barred Owl **5**; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker **28**; **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1**; Downy Woodpecker **93**; Hairy Woodpecker 19; Pileated Woodpecker **11**; No. Shrike **4**; Blue Jay **437**; Am. Crow 692; Co. Raven **8**; Horned Lark **1212**; Black-capped Chickadee **677**; Tufted Titmouse **133**; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch **78**; Brown Creeper 1; Carolina Wren CW; **House Wren 1** (ND); E. Bluebird **137**; Am. Robin 193; **Gray Catbird 1**; No. Mockingbird 4; European Starling 3477; Cedar Waxwing 106; Am. Tree Sparrow 403; Song Sparrow 13; White-throated Sparrow **22**; **White-crowned Sparrow 1**; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco **1354**; Snow Bunting 389; No. Cardinal 78; Pine Grosbeak 6; Purple Finch 7 LC; House Finch 121; Co. Redpoll 57; Am. Goldfinch 324; Evening Grosbeak 14 LC; House Sparrow 813.

Total: 54 species. **Participants:** Roy Arenella, Elaine Cahen, Mary Emma Campbell, Joe Childs, Bill Clapp, Al Cormier, Jay Cummings, Dave DeVries, Bonnie Dundas, Scott Dundas, Bill Eberle, Jim Foisett, Bo Harris, Jan Harris, **John Helft (drj@empireone.net)**, Kevin Hemeon, Tim Holmes, John Hubbard, Jon Lundgren, Gary Pocock, Lisa Randles, Ron Renoni, Sue Rosenberg, Steve Sanford, Mike Twist, Sue Van Hook, Hanni Verosy, Rod Wilson.

Saranac Lake [NYSL]

44.3° N 74.08° W; 30 Dec 07; 259°-30° F; AM cloudy, light snow; PM cloudy; 35 observers. Total party hours 108.

Canada Goose 1; Am. Black Duck 6; Mallard 280; Hooded Merganser **25**; Co. Merganser 5; Ruffed Grouse 5; Wild Turkey 6; Bald Eagle 1; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 1; **Rough-legged Hawk** CW; Rock Pigeon 216; Mourning Dove 129; Barred Owl 3; Downy Woodpecker **57**; Hairy Woodpecker **60**; Black-backed Woodpecker 2; Pileated Woodpecker 10; No.Shrike 3; Gray Jay 18; Blue Jay 94; Am. Crow 168; Co. Raven **59**; Black-capped Chickadee 1186; Boreal Chickadee 7; Tufted Titmouse 1; Red-breasted Nuthatch 95; White-breasted Nuthatch 61; Brown Creeper 6; Golden-crowned Kinglet 7; European Starling 170; Bohemian Waxwing 2; Cedar Waxwing 1; Song Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 32; Snow Bunting CW; No. Cardinal 17; Co. Grackle 2; Brown-headed Cowbird 14; Pine Grosbeak **172**; White-winged Crossbill CW; Co. Redpoll 975; Hoary Redpoll 1; Pine Siskin 1; Am. Goldfinch 4; Evening Grosbeak 170; House Sparrow 2.

Total: 45 species. **Participants:** Tom Armstrong, Jeff Bolsinger, John Brown, Nan Brown, Kris Casler, Joan Collins, Sally Conyne, Tom Dudones, Frank Gill, Ed Grant, Audrey Hyson, Penny Jacques, Debbie Kanze, Ed Kanze, Dayna LaLonde, Linda LaPan, Fuat Latif, John Marshall, **Larry Master (larry@masterimages.org)**, Brian McAllister, Melanie McCormick, Matt Medler, Susan Moss, Sean O'Brien, Mary O'Dell, Peter O'Shea, Carol Pinney, Lew Rosenberg, Sheila Rosenberg, Nina Schoch, Ann Spencer, Janet Stein, Mary Beth Warburton, Eileen Wheeler, Tom Wheeler, Uta Wister.

Saratoga Spa S.P. [NYSS]

43.06 ° N 73.7 ° W; 15 Dec 07; 10°-19° F; AM partly cloudy; PM cloudy; 14 observers. Total party hours 54.

Snow Goose 3; Canada Goose 8777; Wood Duck **3**; Am. Black Duck 528; Mallard **2217**; Canvasback 3; White-winged Scoter 3; Bufflehead 1; Co. Goldeneye 618; Hooded Merganser 42; Co. Merganser 618; Red-breasted Merganser **3**; Ruffed Grouse 2; Wild Turkey 67; Co. Loon 3; Great Blue Heron 1; Bald Eagle 2; No. Harrier 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 3; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 40; Rough-legged Hawk 5; Rough-legged Hawk 5; **Merlin 1**; Peregrine Falcon 1; Am. Coot 1; Ring-billed Gull 52; Herring Gull 5; Great Black-backed Gull 3; Rock Pigeon **802**; Mourning Dove 463; E. Screech-Owl 3; Great Horned Owl 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker **13**; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker **81**; Hairy Woodpecker **43**; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 13; Pileated Woodpecker 7; No. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 324; Am. Crow 484; Co. Raven 2; Horned Lark 305; Black-capped Chickadee 510; Tufted Titmouse **203**; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch **85**; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 12; E. Bluebird 70; Am. Robin 91; No. Mockingbird 3; European Starling 925; Cedar Waxwing 99; Am. Tree Sparrow 451; Savannah Sparrow 3; Song Sparrow 15; White-throated Sparrow **43**; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco **1067**; Lapland Longspur 1; Snow Bunting 311; No. Cardinal 78; **Pine Grosbeak 11**; House Finch 126; Co. Redpoll 171; Am. Goldfinch 187; House Sparrow 205.

Total: 67 species. **Participants:** John Adair, Sue Adair, Tijen Arin, Ramona Bearor, Joe Carey, Tom Cobb, William Ehmann, Corey Finger, Dave Gibson, Bruce Goodale, Jane Graves, Ron Harrower, Jean Holcomb, Ellen Kiehl, Kevin Matocha, Ray Perry, Barb Putnam, Will Raup, Kathy Rowland, **Larry Rowland (lrowland@nycap.rr.com)**, Edwin Schiele, Alison Van Keuren, Tom Williams.

Schenectady [NYST]

42.75° N 73.92° W; 15 Dec 07; 8°-22° F; AM partly cloudy; PM cloudy; 23 observers. Total party hours 69.

Canada Goose 472; Mute Swan 1; Wood Duck 1; Am. Black Duck 58; Mallard **2669**; No. Pintail CW; **Long-tailed Duck 1**; Co. Goldeneye **9**; Hooded Merganser 1; Co. Merganser 339; Wild Turkey 10; Great Blue Heron 5; Bald Eagle 2; No. Harrier 4; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk **7**; Red-tailed Hawk 66; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel 2; **Merlin 1**; Ring-billed Gull 139; Herring Gull 38; Great Black-backed Gull 7; Rock Pigeon 622; Mourning Dove 355; E. Screech-Owl 8; Great Horned Owl 6; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 6; Red-bellied Woodpecker **21**; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **7**; Downy Woodpecker 90; Hairy Woodpecker 29; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker10; Pileated Woodpecker 4; Blue Jay 285; Am. Crow 975; Fish Crow 1; Co. Raven 2; Black-capped Chickadee 442; Tufted Titmouse **162**; Red-breasted Nuthatch 5; White-breasted Nuthatch **121**; Brown Creeper 1; Carolina Wren 5; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 1; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 42; Hermit Thrush 2; Am. Robin 250; Gray Catbird 2; No. Mockingbird 8; European Starling 2799; Cedar Waxwing 64; Am. Tree Sparrow 179; Field Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 36; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow **263**; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 434; Snow Bunting 7; No. Cardinal 154; Red-winged Blackbird 3; Co. Grackle CW; Brown-headed Cowbird 33; Pine Grosbeak 16; Purple Finch 1 LC; House Finch 157; Co. Redpoll 10; Pine Siskin CW; Am. Goldfinch 203; House Sparrow 417.

Total: 70 species. **Sponsor:** Hudson Mohawk Bird Club. **Participants:** Lawrence Alden, Janet Betlejeski, Joan Cipriani, Michael Crevier, Carl George, Charles Gillies, Catherine Graichen, Bernard Grossman, Christine Grossman, John Hershey, Edwin Hicks, **William Lee (bileej@hotmail.com)**, Kathleen Loguidice, James Marx, Roger Miller, Gregg Recer, Peggy Rudis, Jeffrey Scherer, Nancy Slack, Henry Stebbins, Jaime Taft, Clifford Tepper, Robert Yunick.

Scio [NYSO]

42.16° N 78.06° W; 15 Dec 07; 10°-18° F; AM cloudy; PM partly cloudy; 13 observers. Total party hours 25.

Canada Goose 100; Am. Black Duck 2; Mallard 24; Hooded Merganser 3; Co. Merganser 10; Ruffed Grouse 3; Wild Turkey **166**; Great Blue Heron 1; No. Harrier 1; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 5; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Ring-billed Gull 1; Herring Gull 21; Rock Pigeon 576; Mourning Dove 231; Red-bellied Woodpecker 4; Downy Woodpecker 25; Hairy Woodpecker 7; Pileated Woodpecker 1; Blue Jay 152; Am. Crow 511; Co. Raven 5; Horned Lark 18; Black-capped Chickadee 124; Tufted Titmouse 14; Red-breasted Nuthatch 3; White-breasted Nuthatch 16; Golden-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 3; Am. Robin 30; European Starling 143; Cedar Waxwing 100; Am. Tree Sparrow 61; Song Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 10; White-crowned Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 236; Snow Bunting 38; No. Cardinal 47; Co. Grackle 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 6; Purple Finch 6; House Finch 61; Pine Siskin 2; Am. Goldfinch 151; House Sparrow 63.

Total: 48 species. **Sponsor:** Allegany County Bird Club. **Participants:** Colby Allen, Russell Allen, Dan Babcock, **Doris Burton (burtondoris@yahoo.com)**, Steven Chaffee, Paul Culley, Peter Finlay, Theresa Finlay, Walt Franklin, James Horn, Anne Pipal, Robert Pipal, Bruce Smalley, Robert Smalley.

Sherburne [NYSH]

42.68° N 75.5° W; 15 Dec 07; 8°-21° F; AM clear; PM cloudy; 19 observers. Total party hours 50.25.

Canada Goose 872; Wood Duck 1; Am. Black Duck CW; Mallard 111; Co. Merganser 2; Ruffed Grouse 5; Wild Turkey 224; Great Blue Heron 1; Bald Eagle 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 33; Rough-legged Hawk 13; Am. Kestrel CW; Rock Pigeon 875; Mourning Dove 267; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 3; Downy Woodpecker 49; Hairy Woodpecker 17; Pileated Woodpecker 5; No. Shrike 2; Blue Jay 124; Am. Crow 925; Horned Lark 4; Black-capped Chickadee 233; Tufted Titmouse 21; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 33; Brown Creeper 2; **Carolina Wren** CW; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; E. Bluebird **18**; Am. Robin 2; European Starling 1885; Cedar Waxwing 22; Am. Tree Sparrow 87; Song Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 6; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 180; Snow Bunting 189; No. Cardinal 44; Rusty Blackbird 2; Brown-headed Cowbird 76; Pine Grosbeak 13; Purple Finch 1; House Finch 15; Co. Redpoll 107; Pine Siskin 8; Am. Goldfinch 78; Evening Grosbeak 55; House Sparrow 152.

Total: 49 species. **Sponsors:** Chenango Bird Club, Rogers Environmental Education Center. **Participants:** Al Marsters, Gail Merian, Joyce Post, Nigel Seddon, **Fred vonMechow (vonmechow@frontiernet.net)**.

Skaneateles [NYSK]

42.95° N 76.43° W; 5 Jan 08; 18°-29° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 20 observers. Total party hours 65.25.

Canada Goose **8621**; Tundra Swan **12**; Am. Black Duck 53; Mallard 1043; Redhead 270; Ring-necked Duck **21**; Greater Scaup 245; Bufflehead 79; Hooded Merganser 8; Co. Merganser 40; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 76; Co. Loon 4; Great Blue Heron 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 9; Cooper's Hawk 3; No. Goshawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 56; Rough-legged Hawk 1; **Merlin 1**; Am. Coot 15; Ring-billed Gull 453; Herring Gull 45; **Lesser Black-backed Gull 1**; Great Black-backed Gull 45; Rock Pigeon 1472; Mourning Dove 421; E. Screech-Owl 5; Great Horned Owl 5; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 48; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **4**; Downy Woodpecker 68; Hairy Woodpecker 15; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 15; Pileated Woodpecker 9; No. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 151; Am. Crow 2084; **Co. Raven 1**; Horned Lark 225; Black-capped Chickadee 461; Tufted Titmouse 66; Red-breasted Nuthatch 17; White-breasted Nuthatch 87; Brown Creeper 5; Carolina Wren 1; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; E. Bluebird 55; Am. Robin 578; No. Mockingbird 1; European Starling 6778; Cedar Waxwig 12; Am. Tree Sparrow 184; Song Sparrow 9; White-throated Sparrow 50; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 194; Snow Bunting 248; No. Cardinal 146; Co. Grackle 1; House Finch 204; Co. Redpoll 378; Am. Goldfinch 257; House Sparrow 330.

Total: 66 species. **Participants:** Dave Baldrini, Sue Boettger, Joe Brin, Ken Burdick, Rose Burdick, Bernie Carr, **John Cashier (fjcash@twcny.rr.com)**, Roger Daigle, Derek Green, Bill Gruenbaum, Robin Jowaisis, Bob Long, Caroline Manring, Margaret Manring, Kevin McGann, Don O'Brien, Bill Purcell, Paul Richardson, Susan Riley, Thomas Riley, Steve Schwabb.

Smithtown [NYSM]

40.87° N 73.2° W; 27 Dec 07; 34°-44° F; AM cloudy, light rain; PM cloudy, light rain; 17 observers. Total party hours 156.

Snow Goose 1; 'Atlantic' Brant 300; Canada Goose 3529; Mute Swan 219; Wood Duck 12; Gadwall 461; Am. Wigeon 270 Am. Black Duck 687; Mallard 1665; No. Shoveler 25; No. Pintail 50; 'American' Green-winged Teal 5; Canvasback 3; Ring-necked Duck 327; Greater Scaup 115; Lesser Scaup 24; Surf Scoter 17; White-winged Scoter 223; Long-tailed Duck 291; Bufflehead 228; Co. Goldeneye 269; Hooded Merganser 232; Co. Merganser 139; Red-breasted Merganser 313; Ruddy Duck 34; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Red-throated Loon 22; Co. Loon **75**; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Horned Grebe 24; Red-necked Grebe 1; No. Gannet 5; Double-crested Cormorant 1; Great Cormorant 5; Great Blue Heron 47; Great Egret 5; Black-crowned Night-Heron 27; No. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk **4**; Red-tailed Hawk 22; **Rough-legged Hawk 2**; Am. Kestrel 1; Merlin 1; Virginia Rail 1; Am. Coot 94; Black-bellied Plover 5; Greater Yellowlegs 1; **Ruddy Turnstone 1**; Sanderling 65; Purple Sandpiper **6**; Dunlin 183; Wilson's Snipe **2**; **Laughing Gull 1**; **Black-headed Gull 1**; Bonaparte's Gull 19; Ring-billed Gull 1447; Herring Gull 1360; Great Black-backed Gull 185; Rock Pigeon 443; Mourning Dove 176; E. Screech-Owl 7; Great Horned Owl **6**; Belted Kingfisher 24; Red-bellied Woodpecker **231**; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **14**; Downy Woodpecker 59; Hairy Woodpecker **32**; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker **119**; No. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 367; Am. Crow 275; Fish Crow 22; Horned Lark 11; Black-capped Chickadee 224; Tufted Titmouse 91; Red-breasted Nuthatch **18**; White-breasted Nuthatch **59**; Brown Creeper **12**; Carolina Wren 117; Winter Wren 7; Marsh Wren 4; Golden-crowned Kinglet **41**; Ruby-

crowned Kinglet **10**; Hermit Thrush 5; Am. Robin **942**; Gray Catbird **37**; No. Mockingbird 91; Brown Thrasher 5; European Starling 2972; Cedar Waxwing **168**; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 64; **Palm Warbler 1**; E. Towhee **28**; Am. Tree Sparrow 89; Field Sparrow 3; Savannah Sparrow 1; Fox Sparrow 21; Song Sparrow 206; Swamp Sparrow 16; White-throated Sparrow **797**; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 222; Snow Bunting 35; No. Cardinal 190; Red-winged Blackbird 5; Rusty Blackbird 42; Co. Grackle 52; Brown-headed Cowbird 28; Purple Finch 22; House Finch 134; Co. Redpoll 2; Pine Siskin 1; Am. Goldfinch 122; House Sparrow 201.

Total: 116 species. **Participants:** Luci Betti, Brent Bomkamp, Beth Cartwright, Dick Cartwright, Sean Duffy, Douglas Futuyma, **Rich Gostic (rgostic@optonline.net)**, Jeff Gottlieb, Brian Kane, Jim LaRosa, Bill Marrs, Bob McGrath, Daniel Olivieri, Marc Oliveri, Peter Osswald, Peter Scully, Diane Spitz, Tom Stock, Jordan Wolf.

Southern Nassau County [NYSN]

40.62° N 73.6° W, center Baldwin Bay; 30 Dec 07, 6:30 am-5:00 pm; 35°-42° F; wind NNE-E 8-20 mph; snow cover 0"; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 70 observers in 30 parties (non-owling). Total party hours 226.45; party miles 509.2; 179.8 hours and 139.7 miles on foot; 36.5 hours and 291 miles by car; 10.3 hours and 46.5 miles by boat. Feeder effort 6 hours by 2 observers; owling effort 1 hour and .5 miles.

Greater White-fronted Goose 2; Snow Goose 3; 'Atlantic' Brant 42338; Canada Goose **7042**; Mute Swan 179; Wood Duck 1; Gadwall 372; Eurasian Wigeon 3; Am. Wigeon 116; Am. Black Duck 8036; Mallard 2448; No. Shoveler 192; No. Pintail 224; 'American' Green-winged Teal 503; 'Eurasian' Green-winged Teal 1; Canvasback 1; Redhead 26; Ring-necked Duck 40; Greater Scaup 1257; Lesser Scaup 47; King Eider CW; Co. Eider 27; Harlequin Duck 4; Surf Scoter 816; White-winged Scoter 24; Black Scoter **22908**; scoter sp. **1900**; Long-tailed Duck 1934; Bufflehead 485; Co. Goldeneye 5; Hooded Merganser **999**; Co. Merganser 54; Red-breasted Merganser 881; Ruddy Duck 782; Am. Black Duck x Mallard hybrid 20; Ring-necked Pheasant 3 LC; Red-throated Loon 67; Co. Loon 112; Pied-billed Grebe 25; Horned Grebe 136; Red-necked Grebe 1; No. Gannet 68; Double-crested Cormorant 21; Great Cormorant 25; Am. Bittern 7; Great Blue Heron 142; Great Egret 7; **Little Blue Heron 1**; Black-crowned Night-Heron 74; No. Harrier 39; Sharp-shinned Hawk 18; Cooper's Hawk **14**; *Accipiter* sp. 1; Red-tailed Hawk 31; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 3; Merlin **9**; Peregrine Falcon **16**; Clapper Rail CW; Virginia Rail 1; Am. Coot 137; Black-bellied Plover 114; **Semipalmated Plover 2**; Killdeer 3; Am. Oystercatcher 50; Greater Yellowlegs 9; Lesser Yellowlegs 1; Ruddy Turnstone **64**; Red Knot CW; Sanderling 441; Purple Sandpiper 94; Dunlin 3283; peep sp. 1; Long-billed Dowitcher **10**; Wilson's Snipe 2; Am. Woodcock 1; Little Gull CW; Black-headed Gull 1; Bonaparte's Gull 824; Ring-billed Gull 3199; Herring Gull 3717; Iceland Gull 1; Lesser Black-backed Gull 3; Great Black-backed Gull 472; **Forster's Tern 1**; Rock Pigeon **1616**; Mourning Dove 228; Barn Owl 3; E. Screech-Owl CW; **Great Horned Owl 2**; Long-eared Owl 1; No. Saw-whet Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 17; Red-bellied Woodpecker 26; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 7; Downy Woodpecker 116; Hairy Woodpecker 24; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 120; No. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 92; Am. Crow 266; Fish Crow 13; Horned Lark 182; Tree Swallow 6; Black-capped Chickadee 126; Tufted Titmouse 20; Red-breasted Nuthatch 7; White-breasted Nuthatch 44; Brown Creeper 15; Carolina Wren **49**; **House Wren 1**; Winter Wren 12; Marsh Wren 4; Golden-crowned Kinglet 26; Ruby-crowned Kinglet **17**; Hermit Thrush 6; Am. Robin **757**; Gray Catbird 54; No. Mockingbird 145; Brown Thrasher 4; European Starling 5108; Am. Pipit 4; Cedar Waxwing 6; Orange-crowned Warbler 2; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 926;

Palm Warbler 1; Co. Yellowthroat 1; E. Towhee 15; Am. Tree Sparrow 226; Chipping Sparrow **11**; Field Sparrow 4; Savannah Sparrow 23; 'Ipswich' Savannah Sparrow 12; **Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow 2 (new to count, GD);** sharp-tailed sparrow sp. 1; Fox Sparrow 14; Song Sparrow 350; Swamp Sparrow 21; White-throated Sparrow **844**; White-crowned Sparrow 2; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 131; Snow Bunting **500**; No. Cardinal 208; Red-winged Blackbird 72; Rusty Blackbird **25**; Co. Grackle 5; Boat-tailed Grackle **66**; Brown-headed Cowbird 8; Purple Finch 8; House Finch 214; Red Crossbill 32; Co. Redpoll 44; Am. Goldfinch 113; House Sparrow 674.

Total: 143 species. **Participants:** Rudy Badia, Betty Barowski, Robert Bate, Matt Bayer, Gail Benson, Bob Berlingeri, Janice Berlingeri, Mary Beth Billerman, Shawn Billerman, Shane Blodgett, Marc Brody, Sharon Brody, James Browne, Jackie Bruskin, Tom Burke, Ed Coyle, Steven D'Amato, George Dadone, Joe DiCostanzo, Michael Farina, Ken Feustel, Sue Feustel, Brendan Fogarty, Gerta Fritz, **John Fritz**, Doug Futuyma, Andy Gershon, Leslie Gershon, Richard Gershon, Patrice Gillespie, Joe Giunta, Jeff Galssberg, John Gluth, David Havens, Ethel Hill, Bill Hollweg, Mitchell Horowitz, Sam Jannazzo, Pat Jones, Richard Kaskan, Rich Kelly, Rick Kopitsch, David Kunstler, Robert Kurtz, Maggie Laska, Emanuel Levine, Mickey Levine, **Patricia Lindsay**, Heydi Lopes, Jean Loscalzo, Debbie Martin, Paul Matulonis, Barbara McBrien, Michael McBrien, Eric Miller, **Shai Mitra (mitra@mail.csi.cuny.edu)**, Mary Normandia, Paul Oehrlein, Bob Paxton, Sarah Plimpton, Peter Post, Bill Reeves, Seymour Schiff, Jane Scott, Sean Sime, Lloyd Spitalnik, Diana Teta, John Walsh, Scott Whittle, John Zarudsky.

Southern Orange County [NYSU]

41.3° N 78.33° W; 22 Dec 07; 24°-36° F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly clear; 17 observers. Total party hours 60.

Canada Goose 3213; Mute Swan 44; Am. Black Duck 32; Mallard 398; **Redhead 1**; Ring-necked Duck 94; Lesser Scaup 1; Bufflehead 43; Co. Goldeneye 12; Hooded Merganser **122**; Co. Merganser 83; Ruddy Duck 114; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Wild Turkey 6; **Pacific Loon 1 (MD)**; **Co. Loon** CW; **Red-necked Grebe 1**;Great Blue Heron 6; Black Vulture 11; Turkey Vulture **110**; Bald Eagle 2; No. Harrier 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 4; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 72; Rough-legged Hawk 3; Am. Kestrel 6; Merlin 1; Ring-billed Gull 372; Herring Gull 39; Rock Pigeon 85; Mourning Dove 568; Great Horned Owl 3; Barred Owl 2; **Long-eared Owl 1**; Short-eared Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 44; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 4; Downy Woodpecker 87; Hairy Woodpecker 13; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 48; Pileated Woodpecker 6; E. Phoebe 1; No. Shrike; Blue Jay 349; Am. Crow 2101; Co. Raven 2; Horned Lark 767; Black-capped Chickadee 354; Tufted Titmouse 160; White-breasted Nuthatch 89; Carolina Wren 27; Winter Wren 4; Golden-crowned Kinglet 5; E. Bluebird 68; Hermit Thrush 7; Am. Robin 908; No. Mockingbird 35; European Starling 3987; Cedar Waxwing 57; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 16; Am. Tree Sparrow 298; Field Sparrow 9; Fox Sparrow 7; Song Sparrow 140; Swamp Sparrow 3; White-throated Sparrow **850**; White-crowned Sparrow **89**; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 1208; Lapland Longspur 2; Snow Bunting 233; No. Cardinal 131; Red-winged Blackbird 37; Co. Grackle 7; Brown-headed Cowbird 12; Purple Finch 39; House Finch 131; Am. Goldfinch 140; House Sparrow 598.

Total: 80 species. **Participants:** Lynn Barber, Eric Burleson, David Hultgren, Martin Kurtz, Perrin Kurtz, David Mathis, Mario Meier, Troy Murcer, Dennis Murphy,

John Queron, Kelly Sheridan, Bob Slechta, **Herb Stein (hstein@hvc.rr.com)**, Dwayne Thompson, John Yrizzary.

Southern Rensselaer County [NYSR]

42.62° N 73.63° W; 22 Dec 07; 28°-38° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 18 observers. Total party hours 63.

Canada Goose 207; Am. Black Duck 31; Mallard 261; No. Pintail **2**; Co. Merganser 22; Wild Turkey 66; **Osprey 1**; Bald Eagle **5**; No. Harrier 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 79; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Merlin **3**; Peregrine Falcon 3; Ring-billed Gull 112; Herring Gull 79; Iceland Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 19; Rock Pigeon **1530**; Mourning Dove 358; E. Screech-Owl 2; Great Horned Owl 3; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker **22**; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **3**; Downy Woodpecker 100; Hairy Woodpecker 19; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 9; Pileated Woodpecker 9; No. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 238; Am. Crow 2171; Fish Crow 3; Co. Raven 7; Horned Lark 30; Black-capped Chickadee 589; Tufted Titmouse 126; Red-breasted Nuthatch 8; White-breasted Nuthatch 90; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 9; Winter Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 4; E. Bluebird 54; Hermit Thrush 1; Am. Robin **6142**; No. Mockingbird 12; European Starling 6892; Cedar Waxwing **289**; Am. Tree Sparrow 246; Savannah Sparrow 2; Song Sparrow 25; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 92; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco **490**; Snow Bunting 23; No. Cardinal 76; Red-winged Blackbird 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 2; Pine Grosbeak 27; Purple Finch 6; House Finch 90; Co. Redpoll 226; Am. Goldfinch 151; House Sparrow 249.

Total: 68 species. **Sponsor**: Hudson-mohawk Bird Club. **Participants:** Paul Brannigan, Joan Cipriani, Bernice Fiske, Gary Goodness, Don Gresens, Rich Guthrie, Nancy Kern, William Lee, Gregg Recer, Peggy Rudis, Debbie Shaw, LeRoy Seuss, Jamie Taft, Marjorie Whitney, **Philip Whitney (philandmarjwhitney@earthlink.net)**, Eileen Yandik, Steve Yandik, Will Yandik.

St. Bonaventure [NYSB]

42.1° N 78.48° W; 15 Dec 07; 20°-29° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 10 observers. Total party hours 49.

Canada Goose **572**; Am. Black Duck 10; Mallard 109; **No. Pintail 1**; **Redhead 2**; Co. Goldeneye 1; Hooded Merganser 3; Co. Merganser 25; **Ruddy Duck 1**; Ruffed Grouse 4; Wild Turkey 81; Great Blue Heron 1; Bald Eagle **4**; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Red-tailed Hawk 14; Am. Kestrel 2; Ring-billed Gull 1; Rock Pigeon 549; Mourning Dove 119; Great Horned Owl 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 3; Downy Woodpecker 15; Hairy Woodpecker 6; 'Yellow-shafted' Northern Flicker 1; Pileated Woodpecker 2; No. Shrike 2; Blue Jay 148; Am. Crow 415; Co. Raven 1; **Horned Lark 8**; Black-capped Chickadee 238; Tufted Titmouse 22; White-breasted Nuthatch 34; Carolina Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 8; European Starling 78; Cedar Waxwing 110; Am. Tree Sparrow 124; Song Sparrow 6; White-throated Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 278; **Snow Bunting 82**; No. Cardinal 23; E. Meadowlark CW; Brown-headed Cowbird 6; Purple Finch 11; House Finch 93; Co. Redpoll 2; Am. Goldfinch 99; House Sparrow 113.

Total: 49 species. **Sponsor:** Cattaraugus County Bird Club. **Participants:** Tim Baird, Michael DeSha, Stephen Eaton, Joyce Ermer, Michael Ermer, Tom LeBlanc, Jeff McMullen, Jeff Reed, James VanScoy, **Regina VanScoy (vanscoy716@hughes.net)**.

Staten Island [NYSI]

40.58° N 74.15° W; 15 Dec 07; 28°-38° F; AM partly cloudy; PM cloudy; 41 observers. Total party hours 107.

Greater White-fronted Goose 1; 'Atlantic' Brant 1617; Canada Goose **4814**; Mute Swan **11**; Wood Duck 8; Gadwall 170; Am. Wigeon 91; Am. Black Duck 373; Mallard 1124; No. Shoveler 41; No. Pintail 28; 'American' Green-winged Teal 106; Ring-necked Duck **37**; Greater Scaup 545; Lesser Scaup **10**; Long-tailed Duck 17; Bufflehead 346; Co. Goldeneye 115; Hooded Merganser 95; Co. Merganser 1; Red-breasted Merganser 120; Ruddy Duck 82; Ring-necked Pheasant 8; Wild Turkey **106**; Co. Loon 1; Pied-billed Grebe 5; Horned Grebe 19; No. Gannet **95**; Double-crested Cormorant 40; Great Cormorant 45; Great Blue Heron 13; Black-crowned Night-Heron CW; **Bald Eagle 1**; No. Harrier 21; Sharp-shinned Hawk 9; Cooper's Hawk 13; Red-tailed Hawk 50; Am. Kestrel 6; Merlin 2; **Semi-palmated Plover 2**; Killdeer 21; **Lesser Yellowlegs 1**; Ruddy Turnstone 21; Sanderling 16; Purple Sandpiper 8; Wilson's Snipe 1; Am. Woodcock 4; Bonaparte's Gull 20; Ring-billed Gull 2331; Herring Gull 2884; Lesser Black-backed Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 714; Rock Pigeon 981; Mourning Dove 206; Barn Owl 1; E. Screech-Owl 4; Great Horned Owl CW; Belted Kingfisher 12; Red-bellied Woodpecker 54; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2; Downy Woodpecker 94; Hairy Woodpecker **13**; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker **54**; Blue Jay 116; Am. Crow 48; Fish Crow 4; Horned Lark 64; **Tree Swallow 30**; Black-capped Chickadee 127; Tufted Titmouse 32; Red-breasted Nuthatch 6; White-breasted Nuthatch 60; Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren 27; Winter Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 1; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 11; Hermit Thrush **15**; Am. Robin **401**; Gray Catbird 6; No. Mockingbird **89**; Brown Thrasher 3; European Starling 8664; Am. Pipit 26; Cedar Waxwing **177**; **Nashville Warbler** CW; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 106; E. Towhee 1; Am. Tree Sparrow 155; Field Sparrow 2; Savannah Sparrow 25; Fox Sparrow 9; Song Sparrow 275; Swamp Sparrow 25; White-throated Sparrow **981**; White-crowned Sparrow 2; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 291; Snow Bunting 3; No. Cardinal **146**; Red-winged Blackbird 277; Rusty Blackbird 1; Co. Grackle 460; Brown-headed Cowbird 73; Baltimore Oriole CW; House Finch 220; Co. Redpoll 2; Am. Goldfinch 200; House Sparrow 747.

Total: 106 species. **Participants:** Ron Armitage, Catherine Barron, George Bouquio, Tom Brown, Richard Buegler, Eva Callahan, Rollin Deas, Lisa DeFrancesco, Gloria Deppe, Charles Fallon, Jeffrey Fallon, John Flynn, Karen Fu, Joe Goldie, Holly Goyert, Cliff Hagen, **Edward Johnson (cicadaman1@aol.com)**, Zachary Johnson, Dave Jordet, Sarah Luecke, Harry Madden, Ray Matarazzo, Sandra Mechanic, Wayne Mones, Don Muldoon, Sean Murphy, Beth Nicholls, Chuck Perry, Anne Purcell, Irving Robbins, Jarrod Santora, Barbara Saunders, Matthew Savoca, Michael Shanley, Jeff Stetson, John Stonick, Joe Trezza, Richard Veit, Seth Wollney, Erin Woodard, Nancy Zawada.

Syracuse [NYSY]

43.1° N 76.08° W; 15 Dec 07; 5°-15° F; AM cloudy; PM [not noted]; 25 observers. Total party hours 93.

Canada Goose 3766; Wood Duck 1; Gadwall 4; Am. Black Duck 101; Mallard 891; Ring-necked Duck 1; Lesser Scaup CW; **Long-tailed Duck 4**; Bufflehead 18; Co. Goldeneye 108; Hooded Merganser 80; Co. Merganser 198; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Wild Turkey **145**; Co. Loon 5; Pied-billed Grebe 5; Horned Grebe 2; Red-necked Grebe 2; Double-crested Cormorant 2; Great Blue Heron 3; Bald Eagle 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk

3; Cooper's Hawk 8; Red-tailed Hawk 51; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel 2; Merlin 2; Peregrine Falcon 2; Am. Coot 3; Bonaparte's Gull 2; Ring-billed Gull 1143; Herring Gull 70; Glaucous Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 47; Rock Pigeon 1908; Mourning Dove 438; E. Screech-Owl 3; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 6; Red-bellied Woodpecker **39**; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 95; Hairy Woodpecker 21; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 19; Pileated Woodpecker 2; No. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 62; Am. Crow 5415; Fish Crow 3; Horned Lark 8; Black-capped Chickadee 380; Tufted Titmouse **43**; Red-breasted Nuthatch 6; White-breasted Nuthatch 59; Brown Creeper 6; Carolina Wren 1; E. Bluebird 28; Hermit Thrush 1; Am. Robin 317; Gray Catbird 1; No. Mockingbird 10; European Starling 5234; Cedar Waxwing 108; Am. Tree Sparrow 72; Song Sparrow 3; White-throated Sparrow 121; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 105; Snow Bunting 17; No. Cardinal 220; Rusty Blackbird 1; Pine Grosbeak 13; House Finch 203; Co. Redpoll 46; Am. Goldfinch 182; House Sparrow 705.

Total: 75 species. **Participants:** Bob Asanoma, Sue Boetcher, Joe Brin, Bernie Carr, John Cashier, Roger Daigle, Ruth Florey, Asia Godzwon, Bill Gruenbaum, Gene Huggins, Michelle Jones, Cathrine Landis, Larry Linder, Robert Long, **Kevin McGann (pmcgann1@twcny.rr.com)**, David Nash, Bill Purcell, Paul Richardson, John Rogers, Margaret Rusk, David Ryan, Jeanne Ryan, Tony Shrimpton, Judy Thurber, Lisa Welch.

Thousand Islands [ONTI]

44.35° N 75.98° W; 26 Dec 07; 34°-36° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 23 observers. Total party hours 60.

'Atlantic' Brant 24; Canada Goose 672; Am. Black Duck 31; Mallard 468; 'American' Green-winged Teal 9; Greater Scaup 1; Bufflehead 11; Co. Goldeneye 566; Hooded Merganser 2; Co. Merganser 1196; Red-breasted Merganser 12; Ruffed Grouse 4; **Spruce Grouse 1** (GD); Wild Turkey 176; Co. Loon 7; Great Blue Heron 1; Bald Eagle 52; No. Harrier 1; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 21; Rough-legged Hawk 8; hawk sp. 1; Am. Kestrel 1; **Merlin 1** (GD); Bonaparte's Gull 1; Ring-billed Gull 158; Herring Gull 249; Great Black-backed Gull 30; gull sp. 22; Rock Pigeon 265; Mourning Dove 417; Barred Owl 5; Red-bellied Woodpecker 4; Downy Woodpecker 50; Hairy Woodpecker 38; Pileated Woodpecker 21; No. Shrike 4; Blue Jay 287; Am. Crow 199; Co. Raven 30; Horned Lark 2; Black-capped Chickadee 598; Tufted Titmouse 1; Red-breasted Nuthatch 3; White-breasted Nuthatch 100; Brown Creeper 4; Carolina Wren CW; Golden-crowned Kinglet 1; Am. Robin 5; European Starling 1440; Bohemian Waxwing 60; Cedar Waxwing 171; Am. Tree Sparrow 145; Song Sparrow 2; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 110; Snow Bunting 311; No. Cardinal 31; Red-winged Blackbird 6; Pine Grosbeak 112; House Finch 24; Co. Redpoll 310; Am. Goldfinch 207; House Sparrow 278.

Total: 60 species. **Participants:** none listed. **Chris Bellemore (chris.bellemore@pc.gc.ca)**.

Troy [NYTR]

42.83° N 73.67° W; 29 Dec 07; 35°-43° F; AM partly clear, light rain; PM clear; 21 observers. Total party hours 61.75.

Snow Goose 4; Canada Goose 995; Am. Black Duck 55; Mallard 542; Ring-necked Duck 2; Co. Goldeneye 37; Hooded Merganser 24; Co. Merganser 435; Red-breasted Merganser 1; Ruddy Duck 12; Wild Turkey 127; Horned Grebe 1; Great Blue Heron 1; Bald Eagle **31**; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper's Hawk **6**; No. Goshawk 2; Red-tailed

Hawk **121**; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 1; Merlin **3**; Peregrine Falcon 2; Ring-billed Gull 728; Herring Gull 2834; Iceland Gull 5; Glaucous Gull 2; Great Black-backed Gull 968; Rock Pigeon 1394; Mourning Dove 464; E. Screech-Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 5; Red-bellied Woodpecker 20; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **4**; Downy Woodpecker 71; Hairy Woodpecker 30; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 24; Pileated Woodpecker 5; Blue Jay 244; Am. Crow 3689; Fish Crow 23; Co. Raven **4**; Horned Lark 10; Black-capped Chickadee 457; Tufted Titmouse 127; Red-breasted Nuthatch 4; White-breasted Nuthatch 79; Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren **9**; Golden-crowned Kinglet 4; E. Bluebird 92; Hermit Thrush 1; Am. Robin **1079**; No. Mockingbird 10; European Starling 1949; Cedar Waxwing 27; Am. Tree Sparrow 100; Song Sparrow 23; White-throated Sparrow 88; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 476; No. Cardinal 74; Brown-headed Cowbird 7; Pine Grosbeak 4; House Finch 143; Co. Redpoll 11; Am. Goldfinch 167; House Sparrow 333.

Total: 67 species. **Sponsor:** Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club. **Participants: Lawrence Alden (overlook@nycap.rr.com)**, John Adair, Sue Adair, Jackie Bogardus, Steve Chorvas, Joan Cipriani, Jocelyn Cole, Lin Fagan, Richard Guthrie, Jeremy Kirchman, Bill Lee, Norton Miller, Joel Ralston, Will Raup, Peggy Rudis, Kathy Schneider, George Steele, LeRoy Suess, Jaimie Taft, Brad Walker, Eric Winders.

Watertown [NYWA]

44.0° N 76.0° W; 15 Dec 07; 12°-26° F; AM partly cloudy; PM cloudy; 10 observers. Total party hours 38.25.

Canada Goose 1210; Tundra Swan 8; Am. Black Duck 10; Mallard 124; Greater Scaup 5; Long-tailed Duck 1; Bufflehead 10; Co. Goldeneye 58; Hooded Merganser 1; Co. Merganser 38; Wild Turkey 194; Great Blue Heron 1; Bald Eagle 2; No. Harrier 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper's Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 21; Rough-legged Hawk 11; Am. Kestrel 3; Ring-billed Gull 8 LC; Herring Gull 17; Great Black-backed Gull 1; Rock Pigeon 1069; Mourning Dove 289; Great Horned Owl 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker **7**; **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1**; Downy Woodpecker 15; Hairy Woodpecker 6; Pileated Woodpecker 1; No. Shrike 4; Blue Jay 87; Am. Crow 10225; Co. Raven 1; Horned Lark 115; Black-capped Chickadee 195; Tufted Titmouse 1; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 16; Am. Robin 4; European Starling 681 LC; Cedar Waxwing 30; Am. Tree Sparrow 297; Song Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 3; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 206; Lapland Longspure 2; Snow Bunting 622; No. Cardinal 54; Red-winged Blackbird 1; Co. Grackle 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 2; Pine Grosbeak 81; Purple Finch 1; House Finch 63; Co. Redpoll 402; **Hoary Redpoll 2**; Pine Siskin 2; Am. Goldfinch **105**; House Sparrow 490.

Total: 60 species. **Participants:** Jeff Bolsinger, Marion Brouse, Richard Brouse, Carol Cady, Steve Guy, **David Prosser (dwprosser@aol.com)**, Betty Prosser, Gerry Smith, Eve Sweatman, June Walker, Robert Walker.

Watkins Glen [NYWG]

42.37° N 76.87° W; 29 Dec 07; 40°-44° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 6 observers. Total party hours 32.

Canada Goose 938; Gadwall 4; Am. Black Duck 2; Mallard 254; Ring-necked Duck CW; Lesser Scaup 2; Hooded Merganser 7; Co. Merganser 15; **Ruddy Duck 2**; Ruffed Grouse 2; Wild Turkey 52; Pied-billed Grebe 13; Double-crested Cormorant 2; Great Blue Heron 3; **Bald Eagle** CW; No. Harrier 4; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 3;

Red-tailed Hawk 34; Rough-legged Hawk 4; Am. Kestrel 2; Am. Coot 237; Ring-billed Gull 707; Herring Gull 226; Great Black-backed Gull 3; Rock Pigeon 361; Mourning Dove 103; Great Horned Owl 8; **Barred Owl 1**; Red-bellied Woodpecker 23; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2; Downy Woodpecker 54; Hairy Woodpecker 13; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 17; Pileated Woodpecker 3; Blue Jay 159; Am. Crow 723; Co. Raven 1; Horned Lark 32; Black-capped Chickadee 240; Tufted Titmouse 72; Red-breasted Nuthatch 7; White-breasted Nuthatch 44; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 4; Golden-crowned Kinglet 5; E. Bluebird 51; **Hermit Thrush 1**; Am. Robin 36; European Starling 2404; Cedar Waxwing 119; Am. Tree Sparrow 35; Song Sparrow 6; White-throated Sparrow 40; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 150; Snow Bunting CW; No. Cardinal 56; **Rusty Blackbird** CW; Brown-headed Cowbird 4; House Finch 186; Co. Redpoll 340; **Hoary Redpoll 2**; Am. Goldfinch 115; Evening Grosbeak 13; House Sparrow 117.

Total: 63 species. **Participants: Jack Brubaker (jack@fccusa.com)**, Ed Gates, Bill Ostrander, Barlow Rhodes, David Sibley, Fred Sibley.

Wilson-Lake Plains [NYWL]

43.23° N 78.67° W; 22 Dec 07; 32°-36° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 15 observers. Total party hours 57.75.

Canada Goose 1398; Am. Black Duck 5; Mallard 150; Redhead 58; Ring-necked Duck 1; Greater Scaup 105; Lesser Scaup 3; **King Eider 1**; White-winged Scoter 503; Long-tailed Duck 27; Bufflehead 20; Co. Goldeneye 295; Co. Merganser 30; Red-breasted Merganser 2212; Ruddy Duck 3; Ring-necked Pheasant 3; Wild Turkey 173; Red-throated Loon 7; Co. Loon 2; Horned Grebe 5; Red-necked Grebe 1; Great Blue Heron 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 8; Red-tailed Hawk 36; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 13; Am. Coot CW; Bonaparte's Gull 4; Ring-billed Gull 226; Herring Gull 841; Iceland Gull 1; Glaucous Gull 7; Great Black-backed Gull 24; Rock Pigeon 110; Mourning Dove 771; E. Screech-Owl 16; Great Horned Owl 7; Red-headed Woodpecker 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 45; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 64; Hairy Woodpecker 19; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 19; Pileated Woodpecker 2; No. Shrike 2; Blue Jay 233; Am. Crow 205; Horned Lark 169; Black-capped Chickadee 289; Tufted Titmouse 16; Red-breasted Nuthatch 20; White-breasted Nuthatch 57; Carolina Wren 4; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 56; Am. Robin 406; No. Mockingbird 8; European Starling 4581; **Am. Pipit 1**; Cedar Waxwing 46; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 1; Am. Tree Sparrow 410; Chipping Sparrow 1; **Savannah Sparrow 1**; Song Sparrow 2; Swamp Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow 27; White-crowned Sparrow 15; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 604; Snow Bunting 437; No. Cardinal 190; Co. Grackle 10; Brown-headed Cowbird 2; Purple Finch 12; House Finch 20; Co. Redpoll 64; Pine Siskin 3; Am. Goldfinch 232; House Sparrow 618.

Total: 80 species. **Participants:** Paula Bigelow, Julie Eberhart, Robert Ensminger, Brett Ewald, **Garner Light (garnerlight@hotmail.com)**, Gary Light, Michael Light, Sherry Poczciwinski, Thomas Poczciwinski, Chuck Rosenburg, Sally Uzunov, Robert Wagner.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEASON—WINTER 2007-08

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THE WEATHER

After a cold start, the winter was generally mild but with frequent fluctuations in temperature, with overall mean temperatures about or slightly above normal in most areas of the state. Early December's cold weather broke by mid-month and average to warm conditions persisted throughout the rest of the season, albeit with frequent short cold spells. Precipitation also changed through the season, with about average rain or snowfall in December, dry conditions in January, and well above average precipitation in February, much of it falling as snow in northern regions. One result of the season's weather in northern New York where I live was that the St. Lawrence River and other large bodies of water nearly froze over completely during December, but were open by Christmas and remained open later into the season than is typical.

WATERFOWL/WATERBIRDS

Rare geese on Long Island were the waterfowl highlight of the season. The fall's Pink-footed Goose continued in Montauk through 20 February, and another one showed up in Suffolk County in early February and stayed through the end of the period. Similarly, a Barnacle Goose present in Montauk continued from the fall, with a second bird appearing on Long Island in January. The former is not on the official New York State checklist and no recent reports of the latter have been accepted by NYSARC as naturally occurring, because of the difficulty in determining whether any unbanded individual is of wild origin or an escapee. Although the debate about the origin of these individuals will likely continue for some time, a growing body of evidence indicates that both of these species can and do make it to northeast North America on their own. Adding to the goose bonanza in Region 10 were at least 16 Greater White-fronted Geese and six "Richardson's" Cackling Geese. Cackling Goose is being reported more frequently as birders become more familiar with this relatively "new" species, and additional reports came from Regions 1, 2, 5, and 8.

Accounts of duck abundance and diversity varied widely among regions, with comments ranging from "scarce and unimpressive" in Region 8 to "high until late January freeze up" in Region 6. Several Regional editors felt that dabbling ducks were present in generally low numbers. Among the rarer species were 6 reports each of Eurasian Green-winged Teal and Eurasian Wigeon in

Region 10, with three more Eurasian Wigeon in Region 9. Diving ducks were reported in better numbers, including high Redhead counts of 5352 in Region 2 and 8500 along the St. Lawrence River in Region 6, the latter far exceeding typical regional numbers. Also unprecedented in Region 6 were two reports totaling five King Eider, including a Regional record four along the Lake Ontario shoreline. King Eider made a good showing statewide, with additional reports from Regions 1, 2, 5, and 10 ("many"), although the three individuals seen in Region 5 may have been part of the same group reported in Region 6; the locations of these sightings were within a couple of miles of each other. Scoters and scaup were abundant and widespread along the coast; Harlequin Ducks were found in five locations in Region 10, with the only other report coming from Oswego in Region 5; and Barrow's Goldeneye were found in Regions 2, 6, 7, and 10.

Red-throated Loons were reported in four Regions including a Region 1 record February count of eight and a high total of 32 in Region 2 during January. A possible Pacific Loon was reported on the Southern Orange Christmas Bird Count, but details were said to be marginal. Pied-billed Grebe was well-reported, with over-wintering birds noted in Regions 5 and 10 and additional reports from Regions 4, 6, and 7 where this species is unusual in winter. Rarities included Eared Grebe in Regions 1 and 10, and a Western Grebe near Greece that was the 11th record for Region 2.

Pelagic trips out of Freeport, Nassau Co. on 2 December and 3 February yielded a nice diversity of alcids and a few other seabirds. The December trip tallied 12 Northern Fulmar, 250 Northern Gannet, one Pomarine Jaeger, 316 Dovekie, two Razorbill, and 22 Atlantic Puffin. The Freeport Pomarine was the only jaeger reported statewide. Participants on the February trip saw all six species of regularly occurring alcids, highlighted by 49 Common Murre, a total that far exceeds previously documented records for New York. Northern Gannet was observed in two locations away from the coast, including one that was observed passing by Fort Niagara State Park and Four Mile Creek State Park in Region 1 on 2 December.

HAWKS AND OWLS

Rough-legged and Red-tailed hawks were far less abundant in traditional wintering areas than during the previous year, particularly in northern New York. The exception was Region 10, where Rough-legged Hawk was present in relatively good numbers. Red-shouldered Hawk was reported in Regions 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, and 10, with 23 total reports. A Golden Eagle that was radio-tagged in Canada spent the winter along the border of Regions 4 and 8; additional Golden Eagle reports came from Regions 1 and 6. Both Merlin and Peregrine Falcon were observed in every Region. The only Gyrfalcon report came from Region 7, but regrettably no NYSARC report was submitted.

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PHOTO GALLERY
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Figure A. Ross's Gull at Niagara Falls, Niagara Co., 30 Jan 2008, photos copyright Michael Harvey. See pp. 98-102.

Figure B. Top: Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Deep Hollow, Montauk, Suffolk Co., 7 Dec 2008, photo copyright Scott Zevon. Bottom: Hoary Redpoll, Montgomery, Orange Co., 3 Jan 2008, photo copyright Doug Gochfeld.

Figure C. Top: Bohemian Waxwing (right, with Cedar Waxwing), Newfane, Niagara Co., 21 Jan 2008, photo copyright Jim Pawlicki. Bottom: Scott's Oriole, Union Square Park, New York Co., 24 Jan 2008, copyright Lloyd Spitalnik. See pp. 102-103.

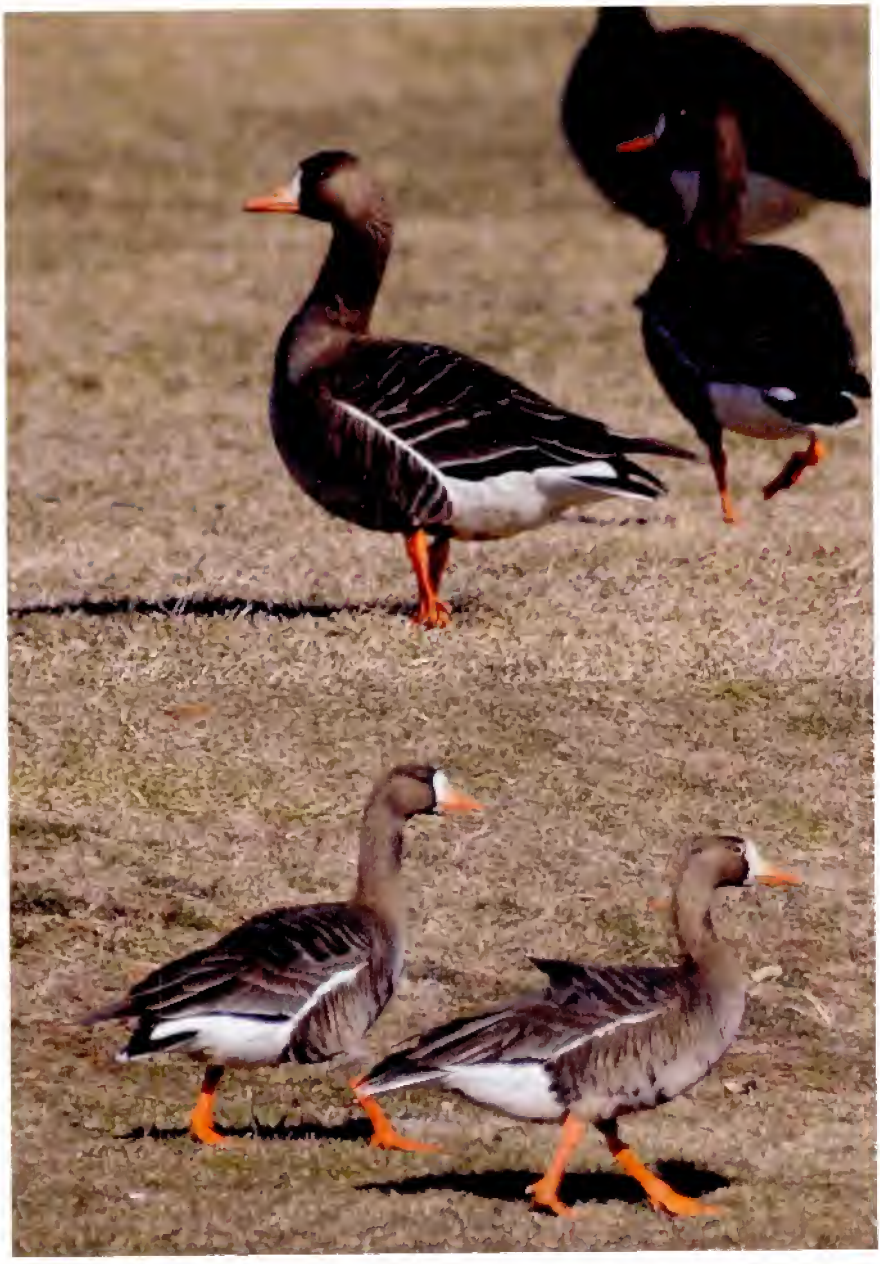

Figure D. Greater White-fronted geese at Lido Beach, Nassau Co., 23 Jan 2008, photos copyright Rich Kelly. Six birds were present. See pp. 103-104.

Northern owls put in a poor showing. Very few Snowy Owls were reported, and most were seen for only one-two days. Short-eared Owls were scarce in most of the state, although the presence of Short-ears in seven locations within Region 10 was described as a good showing. Of particular interest in that Region were four Short-eared Owls that wintered at Grumman grasslands, a site under threat of development. Long-eared Owls were reported from four regions and Northern Saw-whet Owls from six. In several regions Barred Owl was observed in yards, often hunting feeders, or in other unusual locations such as cornfields, giving rise to speculation that there was a large movement of owls out of Canada and these birds were having difficulty finding food. There were no reports of Great Gray or Boreal owls or Northern Hawk-Owl.

GULLS AND SHOREBIRDS

An adult Ross's Gull was the highlight of the winter season along the Niagara River. The Ross's Gull was found on 27 January and remained for several days, but was last seen on the Friday before a weekend during which many birders traveled to see the gull. See Willie D'Anna's article elsewhere in this issue for a full account. Other gull highlights from Niagara Falls included several reports of Black-headed Gull, all presumed to be of the same individual, and an adult Black-legged Kittiwake. An impressive streak of 15 consecutive years of California Gull sightings ended after none were reported along the river this winter. Niagara wasn't the only location in Region 1 with rare gulls, as an adult Sabine's Gull and a juvenile Franklin's Gull were at Dunkirk Harbor from 23 December to 2 January. Both species were first Regional records for January, and the Sabine's Gull was only the third or fourth adult for the Region.

White-winged gulls were widely reported, with perhaps the most spectacular showing coming from the Oswego River in Region 5, where high water resulted in numerous fish washing over the dams which in turn attracted large numbers of gulls. Among the gulls observed along the river were regional record counts of 30 Iceland Gulls on 26 January and five Lesser Black-backed Gulls during December and January; a Nelson's Gull (Herring X Glaucous Gull hybrid); and a Herring X Lesser Black-backed Gull hybrid. Another Nelson's Gull was reported on the 3 February pelagic trip out of Freeport.

All but one of New York's handful of Slaty-backed Gull records have come since 2000, and this winter saw three more reports, including a third cycle bird seen one afternoon at Irondequoit Bay for a second Region 2 record, an adult observed on several dates in Sullivan County, and a well-observed third cycle bird in Region 3 (unfortunately no Region 3 NYSARC report was received). A Little Gull at Derby Hill constituted a first winter record for Region 5, with additional reports coming from Regions 1, 2, and 10. A Laughing Gull at a Thruway rest area in New Baltimore was a rare winter find in Region 8. Rounding out the larids were Forster's Tern in three Regions, including a third

winter record for Region 1, a first winter record for Region 2, and a very late date of 30 December in Region 10.

Fifteen species of shorebirds were reported in Region 10, including multiple Semipalmated Plover, normally a winter rarity. Away from the coast the only shorebirds were Killdeer and Wilson's Snipe in Region 1 and Purple Sandpiper in Regions 1, 6, and 9. Purple Sandpiper is rarely reported during any season in Region 6, and a winter sighting is especially unusual.

WINTER FINCHES AND OTHER IRRUPTIVES

For many the defining avian event of the winter was the irruption of Bohemian Waxwing, Pine Grosbeak, and Common Redpoll that was observed throughout New York. Bohemian Waxwing was reported from every region except Region 4, including Region 10 where this species is very rare. The largest numbers of Bohemians were reported in Regions 6 and 7, with numerous daily tallies of 200-300 and flocks of up to 700+ documented. Elsewhere most reports were of small groups, although a Region 2 record 105 was reported. Pine Grosbeak also occurred widely, with every Region seeing good numbers except for Region 10, where none were documented. It was generally a very good year for Common Redpoll statewide, although descriptions of redpoll numbers ranged from "average" to "the best this decade". Attentive observers found "Greater" Common Redpoll in Regions 4 and 7, and Hoary Redpoll in every Region but 10. Red Crossbill was widespread with reports from every Region, although most Regions had just one or two reports, and White-winged Crossbill was even scarcer, although it was found in every Region except 6. Evening Grosbeak was much less common than in the fall, but was widely scattered in low numbers, with the best numbers coming from higher elevations. Most Regional editors remarked on the rarity of Red-breasted Nuthatch, Purple Finch, Pine Siskin, and American Goldfinch following large fall movements, although the latter two species were locally common in some parts of the state. Northern Shrike was present in good numbers statewide, prompting some Regional editors to make comments such as "good numbers", "a big year", and a "strong showing".

HALF-HARDIES

A good diversity of half-hardies was reported, but at least some Regional editors felt that numbers were down compared to recent years. Perhaps the cold start to the season pushed many individuals out of inland areas, but mild weather throughout the majority of the winter gave those birds that remained a good chance to survive. Species that were fairly widespread included Winter Wren, Hermit Thrush, Gray Catbird, Eastern Towhee, and Fox Sparrow. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was unusually numerous, with reports from six Regions including Regions 4 and 6, where this species is rarely observed in winter. Red-headed Woodpecker was restricted to Regions 1, 2, and 9, with no Region

reporting more than two individuals. Northern Flicker numbers were about average, but a Red-bellied Woodpecker found at Willsboro Point in Region 7 was a "good find", reflecting the continued northward expansion of this species.

Some of the more unusual half-hardies or lingering individuals were a first winter record for Tree Swallow in Region 4; Brown Thrasher in Regions 2 and 8 (and also Region 10, where they normally winter in small numbers); and Indigo Bunting in Regions 2, 9, and 10. Eleven species of warbler were reported, including a Common Yellowthroat in Region 2, an Ovenbird in Region 8, and late reports of Nashville and Prairie warblers and Northern Waterthrush in Region 10.

RARITIES

Birders searching Region 10's Deep Hollow Ranch and nearby areas of Montauk for the Pink-footed and Barnacle geese turned up several additional rarities, including a long-staying Scissor-tailed Flycatcher and a Least Flycatcher on the Montauk CBC. Region 10 tallied four Ash-throated Flycatchers during December, including two birds that continued from the fall. The Deep Hollow Ranch Western Kingbird also carried over from fall, another was found on the Brooklyn CBC, and a third in Stanfordville was the ninth record for Dutchess County in Region 9. At the west end of Region 10, an oriole wintering in a small Manhattan park was initially identified as an Orchard Oriole but eventually proved to be an immature male Scott's Oriole. If accepted by NYSARC, this will be a first record for New York State. Other Region 10 rarities included a locally rare Ruffed Grouse flushed by hunters; a Yellow Rail found on the Captree CBC for the second consecutive year; a *Selasphorus* hummingbird in Nassau County; and a Townsend's Solitaire in Suffolk County that remained for at least two months and was observed by many.

Elsewhere, Sandhill Crane was observed in Regions 2 and 8. The Rufous Hummingbird present at West Walroth in Region 2 since 10 October barely persisted into the winter season, with the last sighting occurring on 1 December. A Townsend's Solitaire in Albany County was seen by three observers for 10 minutes on 20 February and not again. A Yellow-throated Warbler at Four Mile Creek State Park in Region 1 was a second Regional winter record. An "Oregon" Junco was reported in Region 1. Yellow-headed Blackbirds were found in Regions 1 and 9. A "probable Brewer's Blackbird" was reported from Region 9, but apparently no report was submitted to NYSARC.

BIRD OF THE SEASON

Good candidates for Bird of the Season include the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher and Townsend's Solitaire in Region 10, and Ross's Gull in Region 1. Also deserving mention as a statewide runner-up is Bohemian Waxwing, given the uniquely early, huge, and widespread nature of the winter's invasion. However, my vote

for Bird of the Season goes to the Manhattan Scott's Oriole, which, if accepted by NYSARC, will be a first record for New York State, always a good criterion for naming a BOTS. Scott's Oriole also appeared in Pennsylvania in 2007 and North Carolina in 2008, perhaps suggesting an increasing likelihood of vagrancy to the eastern United States, and providing some context by which to judge the probability that the New York bird arrived on its own.

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REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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The first half of December was snowy and consistently colder than average, but then it got milder toward the end of the month for CBC season. The average temperature was 29.3° F, 0.5° F below normal. Monthly precipitation at Buffalo-Niagara International Airport was 4.28", 0.48" more than usual, with 31.3" of snow, 5.8" more than usual.

January was mild and with little snow. The average temperature was 29.7° F, 5.2° above normal. It was the third consecutive mild January. The monthly precipitation was 2.33", 0.83" below normal, with only 17.5" of snow, 8.6" below normal. Severe wind storms occurred on the 9th and 30th, both with wind speeds topping 65 miles per hour. The event on the 30th featured a near record surge on Lake Erie and a breach of the ice boom that filled the Niagara River with ice.

It was the ninth wettest February on record. The average temperature was 25.1°F, 0.8° below normal. The monthly precipitation was 4.83", 2.41" above normal, with 22.5" of snowfall, 4.7" above normal.

It was a mostly typical season for waterfowl. There were few lingering birds early in the season and only a few spring arrivals in late February. Numbers on the Niagara River increased as Lake Erie became more ice covered in January. The ice floes that entered the river following the breach of the ice boom affected the distribution of available foraging areas for at least several days. Ring-necked Duck and Lesser Scaup continue to occur in greater numbers in the winter season. **King Eiders** are nearly annual. However, a female shot by a hunter off Fort Niagara in early January was likely a very rare take during the winter waterfowl hunting season. Other highlights among waterfowl sightings include an **Eared Grebe** in late December at Dunkirk Harbor, a **Cackling Goose** there in early January, and a record monthly count of eight for **Red-throated Loons**

in February. The loons were found on Lake Ontario off Golden Hill State Park, and it is uncertain if they were truly wintering birds and/or early migrants.

It is not unusual for one or a few Black-crowned Night Herons to winter on or near the Niagara River and occasionally at Dunkirk Harbor. David Gordon found 30 at Tonawanda Island in the Niagara River on 13 January, which constitutes a record winter count.

Rough-legged Hawk sightings represented an average winter. Bald Eagle, Merlin, and Peregrine Falcon continue to be found with increased regularity. Red-shouldered Hawks wintered at several southern tier locations. Jeff Reed identified a **Golden Eagle** at Allegany State Park in late December, a location where they have occasionally wintered.

There were some excellent gull sightings this winter. The best find was clearly an adult **Ross's Gull** that allowed many birders to catch a glimpse of this ultra-rarity. On 27 January, Willie D'Anna spotted the bird standing on ice off of Niagara Falls State Park near Goat Island while he was scoping from the Control Gates above Niagara Falls on the Ontario side of the Niagara River, an amazing feat considering this small gull was approximately a half mile away. A quick trip across the border afforded D'Anna and Betsy Potter very close views and excellent photographs. The bird remained in the area for several days but was not usually easy to find. On several occasions the bird was found standing in the parking lot, allowing exceptionally close views to those lucky birders present. The last sighting was on 1 February to the dismay of the many birders who arrived from near and far to search for the bird on the weekend of 2-3 February. This represents the third record for Region 1.

An adult **Sabine's Gull** and juvenile **Franklin's Gull** were excellent finds on 23 December at Dunkirk Harbor by David Wheeler. Both birds were re-found on several days, with the last sighting for both on 2 January. The date range of the sightings is late for both species; it is the first documented January record for Sabine's Gull and the second documented January record for Franklin's Gull. Adult Sabine's are also especially rare, as there had only been three to four previous sightings. Other notable gulls included several sightings of **Black-headed Gull**, probably the same bird, and an adult **Black-legged Kittiwake** at Niagara Falls. Adult kittiwake sightings have increased slightly in recent years, but they are still much rarer than immatures. Notable in its absence during the fall and winter seasons was California Gull after 15 consecutive years of occurrence on the Niagara River. Hopefully a new streak will start in the fall!

Three **Snowy Owls** were reported, with one in each month. None of them appeared to stay beyond a day or two. Short-eared Owls were reported from several regular locations. There were two Northern Saw-whet Owl reports and only one Long-eared Owl found. The most unusual owl sighting this winter was a Barred Owl in a yard along Lake Ontario in Wilson. Barred Owls are rarely observed along the Lake Ontario plain in Region 1, and this bird may have been a part of a slight push south by more northerly birds, which is a periodic occurrence based on reduced prey availability. There was anecdotal evidence

this winter of similar unusual occurrences of Barred Owls along the lake plain in Region 2 and Toronto.

It was a good year for **Bohemian Waxwing** sightings, with more than usual numbers along the Lake Ontario plain and a few sightings south of the lake plain, where very rare. Several birders commented on the marked increase of American Robin flocks in early February after few had been seen earlier in the winter, touching off an internet thread as to where the birds were coming from and going to. There is no easy categorization to this pattern, but it could be that robin flocks wander more widely in search of ample food supplies than we suspect. This is one of those questions that increased reporting to eBird from across the country might be able to help address.

Other than a few waterfowl species, the early spring migrants did not arrive in late February this year. There were no blackbirds, Killdeer, or Turkey Vultures in February that clearly demonstrated migratory behavior.

Following the excellent fall season, it was no surprise that many northern finches occurred in the winter season. Common Redpolls were common and widespread with the best numbers this decade. There were two **Hoary Redpoll** reports with acceptable documentation submitted, one at a feeder in Wilson and the other in a large group of Common Redpolls in Colden. Pine Siskins were well reported in December, but there were fewer after that. Pine Grosbeaks were reported from four locations. There were two reports of **Red Crossbill** and an apparent wintering pair of **White-winged Crossbills** in Clarence. After the number of reports in the fall season, it was surprising to have only one report of Evening Grosbeaks, a total of 30 from the Scio CBC. There were very few Purple Finches around this winter.

Besides the Ross's Gull and other rarities already mentioned, the greatest rarities included **Yellow-throated Warbler** and **Yellow-headed Blackbird.** The warbler was found by Vicki Rothman and Bill Broderick at Four Mile Creek State Park on 2 December. It is the second winter record for the Region. The Yellow-headed Blackbird was identified by Nancy and Mahlon Miller among some Red-winged Blackbirds at Tonawanda WMA on the Oak Orchard CBC on 27 December. It is the first winter record for the Region.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AlSP – Allegany SP, CATT; AmSP – Amherst SP, ERIE; BeSP – Beaver I SP, ERIE; BuSP – Buckhorn I SP, ERIE; BWWTP – Batavia Wastewater Treatment Plant, GENE; DH – Dunkirk Harbor, CHAU; FMCSP – Four Mile Creek SP, NIAG; FNSP – Fort Niagara SP, NIAG; GHSP – Golden Hill SP, NIAG; INWR – Iroquois NWR, GENE/ORLE; LESP – Lake Erie SP, CHAU; NF – Niagara Falls, NIAG; NFSP – Niagara Falls SP, NIAG; NPP – Niagara Power Project on NR, Lewiston, NIAG; NR – Niagara R; OOWMA – Oak Orchard WMA; GENE/ORLE; PB – Point Breeze, ORLE; PG – Point Gratiot, CHAU; SPNS – Sinking Ponds Nature Sanctuary, E Aurora, ERIE; Tifft NP – Tifft Nature Preserve, Buffalo, ERIE; TWMA – Tonawanda WMA, GENE/NIAG; WoBSP – Woodlawn Beach SP, ERIE; WTSP – Wilson-Tuscarora SP, NIAG.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Snow Goose: arr 2 DH 22 Feb (JSm); Grand I NR 25 Feb; no wintering birds reported.

CACKLING GOOSE: DH 4 Jan (JSk), only report.

Mute Swan: max 17 Carlton ORLE 8 Dec (KF); 3 NF CBC 27 Dec; 8 WTSP 10 Jan; Olcott NIAG 27 Jan, 16 Feb; only reports.

Tundra Swan: 3 OOWMA 1 Dec, only report away from NR; max 325 BeSP 24 Dec (DSh).

Wood Duck: SPNS thru 9 Dec; Jamestown CBC 16 Dec; arr Amherst ERIE 27 Feb; only reports.

Gadwall: 13 Tifft NP 10 Jan; max 19 NFSP 2 Feb; 2 Tonawanda NR ERIE 6 Feb.

Am. Black Duck: max 60 BWWTP 1 Dec.

N. Shoveler: last 71,12 BWWTP 1, 9 Dec.

N. Pintail: reported from 7 locations in winter; arr 2 AmSP 17 Feb (RS), unusual location.

Green-winged Teal: Buffalo ERIE 1 Jan (PY); DH 2 Jan (DB, ED); only reports.

Canvasback: max 8000 BeSP 21 Jan (WW, JP).

Redhead: max 128 Tonawanda NR 21 Feb.

Ring-necked Duck: max 119 BuSP 23 Dec (WW), good count for date; 45 Buffalo NR 12 Jan.

Lesser Scaup: Buffalo NR 12 Jan; 3 BeSP 21 Jan; NF 2 Feb; max 5 Tonawanda NR 21 Feb.

KING EIDER: fem Wilson NIAG 22 Dec (BE, WD); fem FNSP 6 Jan (JB), shot by hunter; only reports.

Surf Scoter: 2 Buffalo NR 10 Dec; FNSP 6 Jan; DH 17 Feb; only reports.

Black Scoter: max 5 Buffalo NR 1 Dec (MiM); 2 FMCSP 28 Dec; Sheridan CHAU 5 Jan (JSm); DH 17, 28 Feb; only reports.

Long-tailed Duck: max 2171 FNSP 16 Feb.

Com. Goldeneye: AmSP 2 Feb, unusual location.

Hooded Merganser: max 52 DH 26 Dec.

Ruddy Duck: max 4 BWWTP 9 Dec; St. Bonaventure CBC 15 Dec; Jamestown CBC 16 Dec; 2 Buffalo NR 19 Dec; 3 Wilson NIAG 22 Dec; 2 DH 25 Dec - 4 Jan; only reports.

Red-throated Loon: 4, 1 FNSP 6, 21 Jan; 8 GHSP 23 Feb (WD), record maximum for Feb; only reports beyond Dec.

Com. Loon: Carlton, Yates ORLE 6 Jan; Olcott NIAG 17 Jan; only reports past Dec.

Horned Grebe: 50 LESP 29 Dec; max 68 Yates & Carlton ORLE 6 Jan.

Red-necked Grebe: FNSP 6 Jan (JB), only report.

EARED GREBE: DH 29, 30 Dec (DW, WW! JP! BK!), increased reports in recent winters.

N. GANNET: FNSP, FMCSP 2 Dec (JP, WD), same bird observed as it flew east.

Double-crested Cormorant: max 185 DH 26 Dec; Porter NIAG 28 Dec; NF 2 Feb; 6 Tonawanda NR 22 Feb.

Great Blue Heron: 14 Strawberry I NR 26 Dec; 14 DH Feb; max 23 Tonawanda ERIE 22 Feb.
Black-crowned Night Heron: 30 Tonawanda I NR 13 Jan (DG), record winter count; only report.
Turkey Vulture: 8 Lewiston NIAG 2 Dec; Carlton ORLE 13 Jan (TL, KF); Zoar Valley ERIE 24 Feb (DW); only reports.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: max 5 Allegheny Res CATT 7 Jan (TB, SE); well reported from other traditional wintering and breeding areas.
N. Goshawk: imm Porter NIAG 28 Dec (JP! EL!); imm TWMA 30 Dec, 16 Feb; only reports.
Red-shouldered Hawk: AlSP 9 Dec; 5 on 4 CBCs Dec; Ashford CATT 7, 26 Jan; Orchard Park ERIE 17,23 Feb; Zoar Valley ERIE 24 Feb.
Rough-legged Hawk: average number of reports.
GOLDEN EAGLE: AlSP 28 Dec (JR!), has wintered at this location on several occasions.
Merlin: Yates ORLE 8 Dec (KF); Williamsville ERIE 20 Dec, 21 Feb (RS); Alexander GENE 21 Dec (KF); Elma ERIE 26 Dec (CR); max 3 SUNY Buffalo campus ERIE thru season (PY), traditional winter roost; Leon CATT 15 Jan (TB, MD).
Peregrine Falcon: 2 Buffalo NR 11 Dec, 24 Feb; 2 BuSP 22 Dec; DH 24 Dec – 1 Jan; NFSP 28 Jan-2 Feb; all near nesting areas.
Am. Coot: max 91 DH 26 Jan; 15 BuSP 6 Jan; 8 Buffalo NR 12 Jan; 2 NFSP 2 Feb; Olcott NIAG 16 Feb.
Purple Sandpiper: 2, 1 NF 8,15 Dec; only reports.
Wilson's Snipe: 2 Charlotte CHAU 19 Feb (JeL, WW), rare in winter.
FRANKLIN'S GULL: juv DH 23 Dec-2 Jan (DW, mob), only 2nd Jan record.
Little Gull: DH 25 Dec, 11 Jan; max 4 Lewiston NR 29 Dec, 3 Feb.
BLACK-HEADED GULL: ad Buffalo NR 11-12 Dec, 15-16 Jan (JP); Lewiston NR 2 Feb (Jay Keller), possibly same bird.
Thayer's Gull: a few reports NPP, NF; all sightings considered "probable" due to identification difficulties.
Iceland Gull: 10 FMCSP 28 Dec (WD); 15 NPP 5 Jan (WD); DH 21, 29 Jan; max 18 Porter NIAG 14 Feb (JP), high count for away from NR.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: Buffalo NR 21 Dec; FMCSP 28 Dec; max 6 NF 6 Feb; DH 21 Jan.
Glaucous Gull: WoBSP 4 Dec; 3 Porter NIAG 28 Dec; DH 11,20 Jan; max 5 Porter NIAG 14 Feb; Somerset NIAG 16 Feb; only reports away from NR.
G. Black-backed Gull: max 250 DH 2 Feb.
G. Black-backed x Herring Gull: DH 25 Dec (WD, DD), photo, occasionally reported but rarely documented.
SABINE'S GULL: ad DH 23 Dec - 2 Jan (DW, mob), first Jan record, only 4th record of adult in Reg.
Black-legged Kittiwake: ad+juv NF 22 Dec (DD, JoL), ads rare; juv NPP 5 Jan (BP); Lewiston NR 17 Feb (PY), likely same bird that wintered, 5th Feb record.
ROSS'S GULL: ad NFSP 27 Jan - 1 Feb (WD!, mob), third record for Region, *see intro.*
FORSTER'S TERN: DH 5, 7 Jan (DW, JSm), very rare in Jan, only third Jan report.

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Snowy Owl: Buffalo ERIE 9, 10 Dec (JT); WoBSP 10 Jan (TS); PB 13 Jan (S&TO, PY); Porter NIAG 3 Feb (WD, BP).
Barred Owl: Wilson NIAG 16 Feb (BP, WD), rarely found along L Ontario Plain.
Long-eared Owl: Porter NIAG 28 Dec, 1 Jan; only reports.
Short-eared Owl: 3 Yates ORLE 2 Dec (D&DS); Dunkirk Airport CHAU 26-29 Dec (JSm); 3 Oak Orchard CBC 27 Dec; max 8 Hartland NIAG 24 Feb (JP).
N. Saw-whet Owl: AmSP 1 Jan (RS); arr Getzville ERIE 29 Feb (EW).
Red-headed Woodpecker: Clarence ERIE 16 Jan (DL), only report.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Porter NIAG 2 Dec; AmSP 22,28 Dec, 2 Feb; LESP 29 Dec; 6 Hamburg CBC 29 Dec; Alexander GENE 4 Jan; Orchard Park ERIE 5 Jan; Bethany GENE 16 Feb; good showing.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

N. Shrike: max 3 INWR 27 Dec; well reported throughout Reg.
Com. Raven: Bethany GENE 9 Dec thru; 5 Beaver Meadow CBC 22 Dec; Bennington WYOM 22 Dec; only reports outside of CATT or ALLE.

Horned Lark: max 112 Somerset NIAG 16 Feb.
Carolina Wren: lower than average number of reports.
Winter Wren: 2 AmSP 22 Dec, 7 Jan; FMCSP 28 Dec; Tifft NP 9 Feb; only reports.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: PG 25 Dec (BH), only report.
E. Bluebird: max 25 Fredonia CHAU 1 Jan.
Hermit Thrush: Williamsville ERIE 6, 22 Dec; Yates ORLE 8 Dec; FMCSP 28 Dec; only reports.
Am. Robin: max 535 Porter NIAG 10 Feb; numbers increased noticeably in early Feb.
Gray Catbird: Yates ORLE 8 Dec (KF), only report.
N. Mockingbird: Buffalo ERIE 2 Dec; Tifft NP 11 Dec, 8 Jan, 9 Feb; Clarence ERIE 16 Jan; Alexander GENE 27 Jan; Newstead ERIE 16 Feb; Pomfret CHAU 23 Feb; only reports away from NIAG.
Am. Pipit: Wilson NIAG 22 Dec; Porter NIAG 28 Dec (JP!, EL), late.
Bohemian Waxwing: 2 FNSP 1 Dec (JP, RS, JW); max 34 Yates ORLE 5 Dec (DT); Grand I ERIE 7 Dec (JeL); 3 Porter NIAG 9 Dec (PY); 2 TWMA 5 Jan (RS); 6, 5 Newfane NIAG 12, 21 Jan (WD,BP; JP,RS).

WARBLERS

Yellow-rumped Warbler: Wilson CBC 22 Dec; 7 INWR 27 Dec; 2 NF CBC; 2 BuSP 17 Feb; only reports.
YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER: FMCSP 2 Dec (VR!, BB, JP! WD!), 2nd winter record.

TANAGERS - WEAVERS

E. Towhee: Hamburg ERIE 29 Dec; Eden ERIE 20-25 Jan, only reports.
Chipping Sparrow: Wilson CBC 22 Dec; 2 Dunkirk CBC 1 Jan; only reports.
Savannah Sparrow: Wilson NIAG 4-6 Dec (WD), late; Wilson CBC 22 Dec.
Fox Sparrow: Amherst ERIE 10-11 Feb (DM), only report.
Swamp Sparrow: 1, 2 TWMA 6 Jan, 16 Feb; only reports beyond Dec.
White-crowned Sparrow: Wilson NIAG 3 Dec thru; 30 on 7 CBCs Dec-Jan; 4 Porter NIAG 21 Jan; Lancaster ERIE 11 Feb; max 5 Yates ORLE 16 Feb; Newfane NIAG 16 Feb.
Dark-eyed "Oregon" Junco (*J.h. oreganus*): Williamsville ERIE 15, 16 Dec (RS), rare.
Lapland Longspur: Eden ERIE 20 Dec; 5 Beaver Meadow CBC 22 Dec; Oak Orchard CBC 27 Dec; 2 Bethany GENE 24 Jan; max 52 Wilson NIAG 10 Feb (WD); 11, 20 Somerset NIAG 16, 29 Feb; 12 Porter NIAG 16 Feb.
Snow Bunting: 350 Newfane NIAG 3 Dec; 250 max Bethany GENE 9-22 Dec; 48 Eden ERIE 15 Dec; 53 INWR 27 Dec; 150 Porter NIAG 16 Feb; 70 Persia CATT 23 Feb; max 450 Wilson NIAG 28 Feb.
Red-winged Blackbird: 21 Oak Orchard CBC 27 Dec; 10 Tifft NP 9 Feb; eight other reports.
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: TWMA 27 Dec (M&NM!), first Reg winter record.
Rusty Blackbird: Porter NIAG 9 Dec; Alexander GENE 22 Dec; max 15 Newstead ERIE 6 Jan (PY), good winter count; AlSP 7 Jan (TB, SE, JR); only reports.
Com. Grackle: no reports beyond CBCs.
Brown-headed Cowbird: arr 2 Wilson NIAG 26 Feb; only four other reports.
Pine Grosbeak: 6, 10 FNSP 1, 8 Dec (RS); 5 Beaver Meadow CBC 22 Dec; max 11 INWR 27 Dec (WW, JP); Porter NIAG 1 Jan (RS).
Purple Finch: very few reports; low numbers on CBCs.
Red Crossbill: Orchard Park ERIE 23-27 Dec (MZ); FMCSP 28 Dec (BP); only reports.
White-winged Crossbill: 2 Clarence ERIE 29 Dec (AS); Clarence ERIE 15 Feb (MaM); only reports.
Com. Redpoll: 100 Porter NIAG 1 Dec; max 150 Yates ORLE 5 Dec; 80 Colden ERIE 28 Dec; 70 Charlotte CHAU 30 Dec; 100 Varysburg WYOM 2 Jan; 130 Boston ERIE 12 Jan; 75 Yates ORLE 16 Feb; 120 Newfane NIAG 17 Feb; well reported throughout.
HOARY REDPOLL: Wilson NIAG 9 Dec (WD!); Colden ERIE 29 Dec (BK!); only documented reports received.
Pine Siskin: 40 Colden ERIE 29 Dec; 30 max Orchard Park ERIE 10 Jan; well reported in Dec, but fewer reports after that.
Evening Grosbeak: 30 Scio CBC 15 Dec, only report.

REGION 2—GENESEE

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This was a season of active and variable weather throughout. Overall we ended a bit above normal for average temperature, 3" above normal precipitation, and just above average for snowfall. Month by month the averages are as follows: December – temperature: 29.3°F, 0.1° below normal; precipitation: 4.18", 1.55" above normal; and snowfall: 41.8", 19.9" above normal; January - temperature: 30.4°F, 6.5° above normal; precipitation: 1.60", 0.74" below normal; and snowfall: 15.2", 10.6" below normal; and February - temperature: 26.4°F, 1.1° above normal; precipitation:4.27", 2.23" above normal; and snowfall: 23.7", 1.5" above normal.

However, the effects on birding are in the details. December was cold and snowy in the first half, including both the Rochester and the Letchworth-Silver Lake CBCs, then warmer and less snowy. The cold froze most of the ponds, lakes, and bays before the early CBCs, but some water opened back up for the later ones. Conditions were windier than desirable for all three local CBCs, but overall the weather was terrible for the Rochester count (though actually better than forecast), and this led to the lowest count in 52 years. A large number of count-week species brought the total to a near average for recent years and showed that birds were still around and just could not be located on the almost unbirdable count day. January ran cold for a few days, then warm for two weeks, with highs in the 60s on the 7th-9th and two of these record highs for the dates. There was open water in most parts of the Region for the Waterfowl Count, but the combination of the early December freeze which had dispersed many of the birds, especially the puddle ducks, and a waterfowl hunting season open to the day of the start of the Waterfowl Count period, led to tallies which were generally average to below for most species. The rest of the month was cold. There was nuisance snow on most days, but nothing seriously heavy. Damaging windstorms hit on the 9th and 30th, with peak winds to 75 and 70 mph, respectively, causing much damage and many power outages in the Region. Dave Tetlow and Kurt Fox jump-started the year list by going for over 100 species in the first two days—and made **106**. After that the push was much less than in many recent years and the poor weather dampened the enthusiasm of most. A highly changeable February brought several bouts of sleet and freezing rain between snowfalls, so that by late in the month walking in the woods was tough. Clearly the weather took its toll over time and there were many comments on half hardies being scarce by late January.

As noted in the weather effects, waterfowl numbers were generally poor. A high count of 20,000 Snow Geese early in January was simply an accident of the Main Pool in Montezuma being open for a bit and the Snow Geese staging there,

then going north to feed in corn fields just into Wayne County on a day a party of Region 2 birders happened to drive past at the right time. Shortly afterward the pool froze and the birds moved south onto Cayuga Lake and dispersed into fields south in Region 3 for the rest of the season. A **Ross's Goose** found near Pt. Breeze by Dave Tetlow and Kurt Fox established the Region's fourth winter record. Continuing the trend since its split as a species, Cackling Goose was reported in small numbers each month of the season. Large numbers of Canada Goose wintered, though numbers on the day of the Waterfowl Count were off 20% from the 10-year average. Mute Swan continues out of control, though numbers on counts were a bit lower this year due to dispersal caused by the bays freezing and to hunting activity; more were seen scattered about out on Lake Ontario than typical. Trumpeter Swans were noted, but no neck-banded birds were reported this winter and most of the birds in Wayne County were either pushed south out of the Region or to open water inaccessible to birders.

Puddle duck numbers were poor throughout the season. They were virtually missing on both the CBCs, and on the Waterfowl Count, other than Am. Black Duck and Mallard, each tallied at less than half the 10-year average. The diving duck picture was more mixed. Canvasback was low, but Redhead good for the Conesus-Hemlock CBC, then dropping way off. Results were similar, but more expected, for Ring-necked Duck. There were no large scaup rafts in the Region all season. Only a lone female King Eider was spotted in a raft of White-winged Scoters on the Waterfowl Count. The bright spots in this dismal picture were above average tallies for White-winged Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, and Red-breasted Merganser and near average for both Bufflehead and Common Goldeneye. Common Merganser was low on the Rochester CBC and the Waterfowl Count, but there were counts of 2000+ several times during the season from Irondequoit Bay, so numbers depended on the ice, hunting and fishing activity on the bay, and timing of birders visiting. Of special note were a male Barrow's Goldeneye returning to winter at Pt. Breeze for the fourth season, another male Barrow's Goldeneye off Chimney Bluff east of Sodus Bay, and a **Bufflehead x Common Goldeneye hybrid** also in the latter location.

As usual, loons wintered on Lake Ontario. Numbers for both species were more than three times the 10-year average for the Waterfowl Count, with Red-throated Loons far more common than Common, a pattern seen in just the past few years. Horned and Red-necked grebes were also present in above average numbers, though for the latter the number is still small. A **Western Grebe** found off Greece by Greg Lawrence was the 11th record for the Region. Many who got the message and drove right out had great looks, but it was unfortunately a one-day wonder. Typical of recent winters, a few Double-crested Cormorants stayed through, most as a small group at a marina on the west side of Irondequoit Bay. A surprise was a Black-crowned Night-Heron at a marina on the Genesee River not far from Lake Ontario.

In recent years, roosts of Turkey Vultures have been located in a place or two in the Region each winter. As usual, there was the flock on the walls of the

Genesee River Gorge in Letchworth State Park. Another flock roosted in a new location in a wooded area in the Town of Rush, first noted by Martha Zettel, who lives nearby.

There was little of special note among the wintering raptors. The number of reports of Northern Goshawk was up a bit relative to the recent past, a Red-shouldered Hawk showed up in Greece in January for an unusual location, Rough-legged Hawk numbers were low, and American Kestrels were very scarce. However, numbers of reports were back up for both Merlin and Peregrine Falcon, after a dip last winter. There were about 22 Merlin reports for the winter, a huge contrast to the rarity of the species anywhere away from the coast in winter only 15 years ago.

There were no rails reported this winter, a combination of decreased serious searching and a recent degradation of the habitat at the Mendon Ponds site where birders could find Virginia Rail, and sometimes Sora, with relative ease for most of the past 30 winters. **Seven Sandhill Cranes** over Hogan Point in winter was termed a "wonderful sight." It would be unprecedented except for the nine birds in Savannah in December last year and just outside our Region in the mucklands of the Northern Montezuma Wetlands Complex into early January. This winter, there were no shorebird reports other than a few single Killdeer into January and four noted as spring arrivals in late February.

Gull numbers also were generally below average this winter. An exception was 20,000+ larger (Herring Gull +) gulls on the ice edges of Irondequoit Bay as it froze in mid-December. Many of these birds would be there in the early mornings and late afternoons, but would spend much of the day at High Acres Landfill and the nearby Lake Edwards (formerly referred to as Detection Systems Pond) in the Town of Perinton about 10 miles to the SE. Gull reports from either or both of those locations included many Iceland, Lesser Black-backed, and Glaucous; a few Thayer's; and the Region's second **Slaty-backed Gull,** a 3rd cycle bird—photographed, but seen by two only one afternoon—on Irondequoit Bay. This year, Bonaparte's Gulls never gathered in big numbers in the Region and disappeared by late January—a return to an historical pattern? Unsurprisingly, there was only a single Little Gull report from a day with a small flock of Bonaparte's Gulls off Durand-Eastman Park.

After very few reports of Snowy Owl in the late fall, there was only a single report of a bird, at Pt. Breeze briefly, for this season. Even Short-eared Owls were present in lower numbers than usual at traditional sites near Lima and Geneseo plus a few other scattered locations. The usual species of owls were turned up in Bergen Swamp for the big start-the-year list, but the next report was of a possible "first-spring-movement" of N. Saw-whet Owl from the usual roost area on the west side of Manitou Beach Road.

The Region's first **Rufous Hummingbird**, an adult male present in West Walworth from 10 October, lingered just into the season on 1 December before disappearing.

Among the woodpeckers, all of the regular species were reported in typical numbers, including a few Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, but Red-headed Woodpecker proved very hard to find. The known breeding pairs and their young departed early, probably largely due to a nearly bust acorn crop. A surprise then was an individual turned up by an RBA field trip in an old traditional site at Nations and Roots Tavern roads near Geneseo, where the species had been absent for a couple of years.

Among the passerines, there were reports of many of the usual lingering half-hardy species, but numbers were down from the past few years. There were no Eastern Phoebes on the CBCs; only a single swallow not identified to species; a few Winter Wrens and no Marsh Wren; no Ruby-crowned Kinglet; Hermit Thrushes scattered about in small numbers; a lone Gray Catbird in a swale in Hamlin Beach SP; a lone Brown Thrasher found in Webster Park in February; an American Pipit in Elba where often found by Big January birders; a few Yellow-rumped Warblers and a February Common Yellowthroat for the only warblers; three Chipping Sparrows and a Savannah Sparrow in December in the Town of Hamlin, with one Chipping lingering into January there and another in Irondequoit; and small numbers of the expected holdover blackbirds, though with Rusty Blackbird only to late December. In this context, a surprise was a female **Indigo Bunting** coming to the Lawrence's feeder in Greece from 21 January through the season and beyond.

Other interesting passerines included: good numbers of Northern Shrike through December, but dropping off rapidly after that; an excellent count of 20,000 American Crows in the downtown Rochester winter crow roost for the Rochester CBC; typical Common Raven reports all from the hills to the south; Red-breasted Nuthatch numbers way down after the pretty good burst passing this fall; Cedar Waxwings hit and miss, but many reports of Bohemian Waxwing in the first half of the season, including a Regional record high **105** seen by Dave Tetlow in Hamlin Beach SP on 8 January; the usual wintering Am. Tree, Song, Swamp, White-throated, and White-crowned sparrows; lots of Dark-eyed Juncos; and the usual Lapland Longspurs and Snow Buntings, though with numbers reported held down by the many periods with little snow cover.

A major positive for the season was the reporting of all of the winter finches during at least some part of the season. Pine Grosbeaks were scattered in small flocks off and on all season, Purple Finch were scarce, both crossbills were reported only as isolated flyovers, Common Redpoll was found through the season in varying flock sizes, about 10 reasonably convincing **Hoary Redpolls** were recorded, and a few Evening Grosbeaks visited briefly.

Species tallies by month were about average. Highlights included: **Ross's Goose**, Barrow's Goldeneye, the **hybrid Buffle head x Common Goldeneye**, **Western Grebe**, Sandhill Crane, **Slaty-backed Gull**, **Rufous Hummingbird**, **Indigo Bunting**, and the winter finches.

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ABBREVIATIONS

DEP – Durand-Eastman Park, MONR; G – Greece, MONR; GE – Geneseo, LIVI; H – T of Hamlin, MONR; HB – Hamlin Beach SP, MONR; HP – Hogan Point,T of Greece, MONR; I – Irondequoit, MONR; IB – Irondequoit Bay, MONR; LLCBC – Conesus-Hemlock or Little Lakes CBC; LSLCBC – Letchworth-Silver Lake CBC; PB – Point Breeze, ORLE; PE – Perinton, MONR; S – T of Savannah, WAYN; SB – Sodus Bay, WAYN; WL – West Lakeshore, MONR & ORLE.

WHISTLING-DUCKS – VULTURES

Snow Goose: max 20,000 Clyde 14 Jan (R&SS), flock from Main Pool Montezuma feeding in fields along Rt. 89; 12 G 8 Jan, many for the location and date.

ROSS'S GOOSE: PB 1 Jan (KF,DT), 4th Reg winter record.

Cackling Goose: 5 rep of 1-3 sev loc thru.

Canada Goose: max 25,000 S 29 Jan (BD, BG), high for winter,

Mute Swan: max 277 Waterfowl Count 12-13 Jan.

N. Shoveler: 8 SB 21 Feb (DD), only report.

Redhead: max 5352 LLCBC 29 Dec, high count, 5000 still present 5 Jan.

Ring-necked Duck: max 313 LLCBC 29 Dec.

Greater Scaup: max 1200 G 14 Feb, low max.

King Eider: 1 f Forest Lawn, Webster 13 Jan (JB,NP,RS), only report.
Bufflehead: max **317** LLCBC 29 Dec, record high for CBC.
BUFFLEHEAD x COMMON GOLDENEYE: 1 m Chimney Bluff 13 Jan (DS, MT).
BARROW'S GOLDENEYE: 1 m PB 5 Dec thru (KF,DT,mob), returned for 4th year in general area; 1 m Chimney Bluff 13 Jan (DS, MT).
Com. Goldeneye: max 1321 SB to Fairhaven 13 Jan (DS, MT), good count.
Hooded Merganser: max 301 LLCBC 29 Dec, good count.
Com. Merganser: max 3500 IB 19 Dec (RS), high count; 1726 IB 12 Feb, good count.
Red-throated Loon: max 32 HB 12 Jan (WS), good count for Jan.
WESTERN GREBE: off G 23 Jan (GL,mob), 11th Reg record, sev ph.
Double-crested Cormorant: 6-8 IB thru.
Black-crowned Night-Heron: Gibb's Marina Genesee River, Rochester 28 Dec-31 Jan (JS, mob).
Turkey Vulture: max 31 Rush 25 Dec thru (MZ, mob); 20 Letchworth SP 15 Dec (LSLCBC).

HAWKS – ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: 8 total sev loc Jan, good mid-winter total for Reg.
N. Goshawk: 1 G 21 Dec (BD); 1 G 28 Dec (MD, DT); 4 total WL 3-15 Jan (DT); 1 ad Lyons 26 Jan (AT).
Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 ad G 12 Jan (DT), unusual location for date I recent years.
Merlin: 17 total WL 1-31 Dec (DT); 5 total sev loc 1-31 Jan.
Peregrine Falcon: 5 total sev loc 2-28 Dec.
Virginia Rail: no reports.
Am. Coot: max 230 SB 6 Dec (DT), low max.
SANDHILL CRANE: 7 HP 5 Dec (GVN), rare, high count for winter.
Killdeer: 1 G 8 Jan; 1 HP 9 Jan; arr 4 sev loc 24 Feb (DT).
Little Gull: 1 ad off DEP 21 Dec (RS, CS), only report.
Thayer's Gull: 1 1st win IB 15 Dec (RS); 1 1st win IB 18 Dec (RMcK) 1 1st win PE 19 Dec (DS); 1 imm IB 1 Jan (RS).
Iceland Gull: max 10 PE 1-31 Dec (DS, MT).
Lesser Black-backed Gull: 5 total sev loc Feb; others at IB & PE off and on Dec a & Jan.
SLATY-BACKED GULL: 1 3rd cycle IB 17 Dec (RS-photos,DT), 2nd Reg record.
Glaucous Gull: max 3 PE 5 Dec (DS,MT).

PIGEONS – WOODPECKERS

Snowy Owl: 1 PB 13 Jan (KF,TL), only report.
Barred Owl: 1 Highland Park, Rochester 25-27 Feb (GP, sev), unusual location.
N. Saw-whet Owl: arr 1 M 17-29 Feb (MF).
RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD: 1 ad m West Walworth thru 1 Dec (B&LG), continued from fall.
Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 Nations Road, GE 3 Feb (RBA), only report, traditional site where missing past couple of years.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

N. Shrike: 26 total Dec, several locations.
Am. Crow: max 20,000 Rochester (DB, *et al*), count of downtown roost.
Com. Raven: 4 LLCBC 29 Dec; 5 Rattlesnake Hill WMA (KF, DT).
Gray Catbird: 1 HB thru, only report.
Brown Thrasher: 1 Webster Park 8 Feb, only report.
Am. Pipit: 1 Elba (KF, DT).
Bohemian Waxwing: 3 Manitou 10 Dec; 3 HP 13 Dec; 3 HP 19 Dec; max 105 HB 8 Jan(DT), Reg. record high; 38 total WL 1-15 Jan (DT,KF,RS).

WARBLERS

Yellow-rumped Warbler: only a few singles at sev loc.
Com. Yellowthroat: 1 DEP 2 Feb (RS), only report.

TANAGERS – WEAVERS

E. Towhee: 3 reports Dec, sev loc.
Chipping Sparrow: 1-3 H 19-31 Dec, 1 continuing to 16 Jan; 1 I 18 Dec (B&BP); only reports.
Savannah Sparrow: 2 H 21Dec (RS,CS); 1 WL 21 Dec (DT).
Fox Sparrow: 1 H 21 Dec (DT).
Snow Bunting: max 1220 Byron 19-20 Dec (WS); 600 Kendall 16 Feb.
INDIGO BUNTING: 1 fem G 21 Jan thru (FL, GL), 2nd Reg winter record.
Com. Grackle: max 20-22 Pittsford 30 Dec, 9 Jan (PO), only sizable flock this winter.

Pine Grosbeak: 5-7 Webster Arboretum 1-29 Feb (GP, et al).
Red Crossbill: 9 Rattlesnake Hill WMA 2 Jan (KF,DT); 1 HP 8 Jan (DT).
White-winged Crossbill: 1 HP 19 Dec (DT); 1 Rattlesnake Hill WMA 2 Jan (KF,DT); 1 Webster Park 4 Jan (R&SS).
Com. Redpoll: max 200 S 16 Feb (TL,TJ,MH).
Hoary Redpoll: 3 total sev 20-29 Dec (RS,JS,DT); 7 total sev 1-19 Jan (sev), good number of reports this winter.

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REGION 3—FINGER LAKES

[Report was not received in time for publication.]

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REGION 4—SUSQUEHANNA

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At Binghamton, December's normal mean temperature of 27.3° F froze many shallow water bodies. Precipitation that month was slightly above average and fell mostly as snow. January was 5.5° warmer than normal. Precipitation was 65% of normal and only 7" fell as snow. This was the third lowest January snow total ever recorded. Because of the warmth, many water bodies which froze in December thawed in time for the January waterfowl count, including Canadarago Lake. Temperatures returned to normal in February. However, record precipitation of 4.57" that month approached double normal amounts. Much of this fell as snow, but several warm periods prevented snow depth from accumulating. Snow depth at Binghamton never exceeded 8" through the period. More accumulated in areas affected by lake effect snow, especially in December, but it was never really deep. Strong fronts and following winds were somewhat regular. Wind speeds approaching or in excess of 50 mph were experienced on 16 December, 9 January, and 10 February. The single greatest snowfall was 6.8" on 13 December.

Diverse waterfowl, a variety of sparrows, and the finch irruption contributed to the 106 species reported. Gail Kirch reported that the Binghamton CBC had a record 70 species, found three falcon species, and recorded a high number of other predatory birds. Matt Young and Julie Siler covered Cortland County for the waterfowl count this year. Their inclusion of the southern end of Skaneatles Lake, a regional hot spot, added good numbers of birds and much variety to the count. Broome County also had good waterfowl diversity this season.

In early February, a 25-year-old Great Blue Heron rookery containing 20 nests in the Town of Hartwick was discovered to have been cut down with a chainsaw. One of the property owners whose trees were cut allowed the Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society to construct steel structures with nesting platforms on their property. DEC law enforcement personnel investigated but no charges were brought.

In spite of excellent coverage at the Franklin Mountain Hawk Watch, raptor numbers dropped significantly after November. It was slow even for December. Through the season Bald Eagles were everywhere and numbers were high along the West Branch of the Delaware River. Cooper's Hawk reports continued to significantly outnumber Sharp-shinned Hawk numbers. A hatch-year Golden Eagle fitted with a GPS telemetry device in the summer of 2007 at the Matane Wildlife Reserve in Quebec spent the winter on the R4/R8 border. Eagle #67's map can be seen on the web site of the National Aviary in Pittsburgh.

Good numbers of Northern Shrike were found throughout the Region. Blue Jay numbers were normal for the CBCs. They dropped significantly in January and rebounded by late February. Crow numbers were low on the Oneonta CBC but high in the southern counts, notably Binghamton and Owego. Don Windsor reported large numbers of crows roosting in Norwich. 1250 passed his house in 10 minutes on 18 February from 5:45-5:55 pm.

An astonishing report came from Sue Whitney who found Tree Swallows in Roxbury on 12 February and in Delhi along the Delaware River two days later. No other winter reports are known for the species in the Region. However hardy these swallows are, six weeks of Catskill Mountain winter followed their mid-February appearance.

Sparrow variety was very good, with reports of several species that are often missed. A Rusty Blackbird photographed by Terri Wetzel in Morris on 13 February was unusual.

Last year's (2006-07) once-in-twenty-year cone and tree seed crop across Eastern Canada and the Northeastern states set the stage for this year's irruptive bird invasion. When trees produce excellent cone and tree seed crops on such a widespread scale, redpolls, siskins, crossbills, grosbeaks, and Purple Finches are able to reproduce at an increased rate. This in turn leads to higher than normal population levels. To be able to support these higher than average populations of finches in Canada, the Canadian forest would have had to produce an even better food crop this year. It takes a lot of energy for trees to produce large cone crops, and the chances of this taking place two years in a row are quite low unless

absolutely perfect conditions exist. Hence, the table was set for the best finch invasion since 2001-02. Finches and other irruptives showed up early and often.

Across the Region and the State, Common Redpolls were common and widespread. Many flocks numbered over 100. Hoary Redpoll was reported but only in the three northern counties. Several flocks of Common Redpoll contained individual Hoary Redpolls and even a few Common "Greater" Redpolls (Carduelis flammea rostrata). This larger subspecies from Greenland is even less common than our typical Hoary Redpoll subspecies (C. exilipes ssp). In Scott, Cortland County on a few days this winter, Matt Young observed a flock of ~150 Common Redpolls with one Hoary Redpoll and two Common "Greater" Redpolls. Evening Grosbeaks, seen in higher numbers at their usual higher elevation haunts (>1400 ft.), were reported from all counties except Broome. Pine Siskins started moving through in widespread numbers in October but only a few lingered into the reporting period. Like the Pine Siskins, Purple Finches moved through with very few lingering into the winter months. American Goldfinch also left the Region in significant numbers. Red Crossbills were reported from the Pharsalia WMA, where they have nested on a fairly regular basis since winter 2004. Numbers were at their lowest since Jan 2006. Crossbills are forced to emigrate from areas during poor cone crops even in areas such as Pharsalia. White-winged Crossbills were nearly non-existent, with only one bird reported. The real show of the winter was the invasion of the frugivores. Bohemian Waxwings, found across the northern half of the state, didn't make it into the Region. Pine Grosbeak reports were common across the northern 2/3rds of the state. They were found here in all counties except Broome and Tioga. Matt Young reported at least 30 on North Rd, Pharsalia in late February.

The 2007-08 winter invasion was the best since 2001-02 for the Evening Grosbeak, Pine Grosbeak, and Common Redpoll. It certainly made for a fun winter.

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ABBREVIATIONS

BCBC – Binghamton Christmas Bird Count; CCBC – Cortland Christmas Bird Count; FMHW – Franklin Mountain Hawk Watch; NClub – Naturalists' Club of Broome County; NWC – NYSOA Waterfowl Count; OnCBC – Oneonta Christmas Bird Count; OwCBC – Owego Christmas Bird Count; SkanL – Skaneateles Lake; TBC – Tioga Bird Club; WBDR – West Branch Delaware River; WBurl – West Burlington.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Snow Goose: max 350 Cortlandville 7 Feb; 200 McGraw 8 Jan.
Canada Goose: max 2915 NWC Jan; 2479 OwCBC 30 Dec; "huge flock" BROO 5 Dec MP.
Mute Swan: 2 NWC Jan, both singles.
Wood Duck: Sherburne 15 Dec; 2 NWC Jan, unusual.
Am. Black Duck: max 192 NWC Jan; 26 BCBC 15 Dec; scattered other reports.
Mallard: max 1143 NWC Jan.
N. Pintail: 3 BCBC 15 Dec; Endwell 22 Dec; 2 reports NClub Jan, unusual.
Green-winged Teal: 2 BCBC 15 Dec; 2 Boland Pond NClub Jan, unusual.
Canvasback: 2 SkanL 19 Feb; 1 NWC Jan; Endwell 10 Dec, unusual.
Redhead: max 675 SkanL 2 Jan; "too many to count" SkanL 13 Feb BM; 19 NWC Jan.
Ringed-neck Duck: max 8 SkanL 26 Jan; 3 NWC Jan; 2 NClub Jan & Feb.
Greater Scaup: 10 SkanL 26 Jan.
Lesser Scaup: max 12 SkanL 9 Dec; 4 NWC Jan; 6 NClub 6 Feb.
Long-tailed Duck: 2 Hillcrest Pits 24 Dec JW, unusual.
Bufflehead: max 10 SkanL 9 Dec; 5 NWC Jan; 4 NClub 15 Dec; 6 reported Feb NClub.
Com. Goldeneye: max 160 SkanL 26 Dec; 50 NWC Jan.
Hooded Merganser: max 51 NWC Jan; 10 BCBC 15 Dec; 14 Hillcrest Pits 7 Jan JW.
Com. Merganser: max 539 NWC Jan; 160 BCBC 15 Dec.
Red-breasted Merganser: SkanL 26 Jan, 21 Feb; Susquehanna R NWC Jan.
Ring-necked Pheasant: max 4 CCBC 15 Dec; 2 BCBC 15 Dec.
Ruffed Grouse: max 17 OnCBC 15 Dec; 8 WBurl Jan, good numbers.
Wild Turkey: max 305 BCBC 15 Dec; 225 Harpersfield 13 Jan; 225 OnCBC 15 Dec; large numbers Treadwell and Delhi.
Pied-billed Grebe: Vestal 19 Dec, unusual.
Horned Grebe: SkanL Cort CBC 15 Dec - 20 Jan.
Double-crested Cormorant: Vestal 3 Dec, only report.
Great Blue Heron: max 4 BCBC 15 Dec; scattered individuals regular; 20 nests cut down by vandal T of Hartwick, *intro.*
Turkey Vulture: 3 reports to 13 Jan.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: max 33 WBDR 7 Feb (TS); widespread singles and pairs; sizable congregation on WBDR Jan into Feb, especially at Deposit.
N. Harrier: max 5 BCBC Dec, uncommon in winter.
Sharp-shinned Hawk: 28 reports; max 12 BCBC 15 Dec; only 1 report TIOG Jan & Feb TBC.
Cooper's Hawk: 46 reports; max 12 NClub Dec; none TIOG Jan & Feb TBC.
N. Goshawk: 5 reports; regular Milford DK.
Red-shouldered Hawk: BCBC 15 Dec; 2 reported NClub Feb; 4 Dec FMHW, always uncommon in winter.
Red-tailed Hawk: max 61 Dec FMHW; 54 BCBC 15 Dec; 54 OwCBC 30 Dec; leucistic individual Lisle late Feb.
Rough-legged Hawk: many reports; 28 from NClub Dec; fewer in OTSE and CHEN.
Golden Eagle: 49 Dec FMHW, lowest seasonal total in 7 years; 6 other reports from OTSE and DELA; none elsewhere, *intro.*
Am. Kestrel: 29 reports; 5 OwCBC 30 Dec; 3 BCBC 15 Dec.
Merlin: Little York Lake 13 Jan (MY); 2 CCBC 15 Dec; regular Binghamton thru.
Peregrine Falcon: 1 - 2 regular Binghamton thru.

Am. Coot: 52 Otsego Lake thru; 1 other reported.
Ring-billed Gull: max 39 BCBC 15 Dec.
Herring Gull: max 84 BCBC 15 Dec.
LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: Cooperstown 18 Dec KZ, rare.
Great Black-backed Gull: Chenango 6 Feb JW, only report.

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Rock Dove: max 2243 BCBC 15 Dec.
Mourning Dove: max 558 BCBC 15 Dec; 344 OwCBC 30 Dec; 343 OnCBC 15 Dec.
E. Screech Owl: max 4 OnCBC 15 Dec; 6 other reports.
Great Horned Owl: 5 BCBC 15 Dec; 5 OnCBC 15 Dec; 3 OwCBC 30 Dec, good numbers.
Barred Owl: 6 reports; regular at some locations.
Short-eared Owl: 1-4 early Dec Lisle; max 5 same location 2 Jan NClub; Cherry Valley 16 Dec.
N. Saw-whet Owl: 2 OnCBC 15 Dec; 1 Dec Scott.
Belted Kingfisher: max 2 BCBC 15 Dec; 9 other reports.
Red-bellied Woodpecker: max 17 OwCBC 30, good count; widespread in small numbers.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Cort CBC 15 Dec; TIOG 17 Dec NClub; Dec TBC, rare in winter.
Downy Woodpecker: max 156 BCBC 15 Dec; 74 OnCBC 15 Dec.
Hairy Woodpecker: max 61 BCBC 15 Dec; 38 OnCBC 15 Dec.
N. Flicker: max 4 OwCBC 30 Dec; 4 other reports.
Pileated Woodpecker: max 12 BCBC 15 Dec; 9 OwCBC 30 Dec; 6 OnCBC 15 Dec, good numbers.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

N. Shrike: max 5 CCBC 15 Dec; 38 other reports, good numbers.
Blue Jay: max 409 BCBC 15 Dec; low numbers Jan; returned to normal by late February.
Am. Crow: max 1485 BCBC 15 Dec; 1250 in 10 minutes Norwich 18 Feb (DW); 1049 OwCBC 30 Dec.
Fish Crow: Binghamton 6 Jan; OwCBC 30 Dec.
Com. Raven: max 31 OnCBC 15 Dec; 20 Pharsalia 24 Jan; 10 WBurl Jan to early Feb; now regular and widespread.
Horned Lark: max 36 24 Feb Nclub; numerous reports of small flocks.
TREE SWALLOW: handful Roxbury 12 Feb; Delhi 14 Feb SW, previously unknown in winter in Region.
Black-capped Chickadee: max 941 BCBC 15 Dec.
Tufted Titmouse: max 245 BCBC 15 Dec.
Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 62 OwCBC 30 Dec; scarce after Dec except at a few locations.
White-breasted Nuthatch: max 169 BCBC 15 Dec.
Brown Creeper: max 10 BCBC 15 Dec; 6 other reports.
Carolina Wren: max 10 BCBC 15 Dec, good numbers, appears to be increasing.
Winter Wren: Scott 26 Jan BC, unusual.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 3 OnCBC 15 Dec.
E. Bluebird: max 48 BCBC 15 Dec; many reports; none from DELA.
Hermit Thrush: OnCBC 15 Dec, unusual.
Am. Robin: max 100 Scott 20 Jan; reported elsewhere in BROO, CORT and OTSE.
Gray Catbird: OnCBC 15 Dec, unusual.
N. Mockingbird: max 6 BCBC 15 Dec.
European Starling: max 2446 BCBC 15 Dec.
Cedar Waxwing: max 181 BCBC 15 Dec; widespread flocks.

WARBLERS

None

TANAGERS - WEAVERS

Am. Tree Sparrow: max 235 BCBC 15 Dec.
Chipping Sparrow: BCBC 15 Dec, unusual.
Field Sparrow: BCBC 15 Dec, unusual.
Fox Sparrow: TIOG Dec TBC, only report.
Song Sparrow: max 16 BCBC 15 Dec; present all winter, more than expected.
Swamp Sparrow: CCBC count week; BCBC 15 Dec, unusual in winter.
White-throated Sparrow: max 40 BCBC 15 Dec; regular early, a few lingered at lower elevations.
Dark-eyed Junco: max 617 BCBC 15 Dec.
Lapland Longspur: Homer 18 Dec (MY), only report.

Snow Bunting: max 300 Lisle 10 Feb; max 300 Homer 24 Feb; 4 other reports of flocks; no reports 21 Dec to 10 Feb.
N. Cardinal: max 255 BCBC 15 Dec.
Red-winged Blackbird: early max 25 OnCBC 15 Dec; none Jan; large numbers after 20-22 Feb.
Rusty Blackbird: Morris 13 Feb TW, video taped, unusual.
Com. Grackle: Arr 23 Feb TIOG.
Brown-headed Cowbird: max 25 Cort CBC 15 Dec; more than expected at numerous locations.
Pine Grosbeak: max 30 Pharsalia 18 Feb (MY): reports from CORT, CHEN, DELA, and OTSE, *intro.*
Purple Finch: max 22 OnCBC 15 Dec; small numbers to 18 Dec and after 20 Feb, scarce, *intro.*
House Finch: max 378 BCBC 15 Dec; scarce Norwich (DW); scarce other areas; 54 OwCBC 30 Dec, low for that count.
Red Crossbill: Scott 8 Dec (MY); "few" Pharsalia 26 Dec, 18 Feb (MY); Cort CBC, count week; only reports, *intro.*
White-winged Crossbill: Pharsalia 24 Jan (MY), only report.
Com. Redpoll: max 539 Cort CBC 15 Dec; common thru.
COM. "GREATER" REDPOLL: 2 Scott CORT 20 Jan (MY); McGraw CORT 3 Feb (MY); Otselic CORT 18 Feb (MY), *intro.*
Hoary Redpoll: max 2 WBurl feeder (TS); 2 Scott CORT (MY); 11 individuals were reported after 20 Dec from locations in CHEN, CORT and OTSE, *intro.*
Pine Siskin: max 14 McGraw 9 Dec; max afterward 2 Milford thru; 4 total on CBCs, quite scarce.
Am. Goldfinch: max 288 BCBC 15 Dec; scarce after CBCs; missed at many feeders in northern areas; numbers increased but remained low after mid-Feb.
Evening Grosbeak: max 147 CCBC 15 Dec; 117 CHEN 24 Jan (MY); reports from 7 other locations; none from BROO.
House Sparrow: max 498 BCBC 15 Dec.

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The season was warm overall; there were only two days in Syracuse when the temperature fell below zero degrees Fahrenheit. In December the average temperature was 27.9° F, 0.7° below normal, with 5.04" of precipitation, 1.92" above normal, and 49.8" of snow. The January average temperature was 29.5°, which was 6.8° above normal. Precipitation for the month was 1.36", 1.24" below normal, with only 10.1" of snow. In February the average temperature was 25.7° F, 1.2° above normal, with 4.72" of precipitation, 2.6" above normal, and 30.5" of snow.

In Old Forge the temperature varied from 48° F. to -22° F, and 22 days had a sub-zero low, but there was rarely two feet of snow on the ground until the end of the season. Oneida Lake froze over on 1 January, reopened on 10 January, and froze for the duration on 19 January. A mild period in the middle of January left lots of open water to be covered on the NYS Waterfowl Census and altered

distribution of the waterfowl.

Many Snow Geese and Tundra Swans lingered into January and the latter species again wintered at Brewerton. The Region has been fortunate to have had few breeding Mute Swans, but the winter population is slowly increasing. American Wigeon, Northern Shoveler, and Northern Pintail were the less common dabblers reported this winter, and it's not clear why a large flock of Pintail was seen along Lake Ontario in February—either birds moving south or birds moving north on the strong south winds of the day. Some Green-winged Teal usually stay until freeze-up, but only a single bird was reported.
Canvasback, Redhead, and Lesser Scaup were seen in better than average numbers for recent winters. White-winged Scoters, presumably eating zebra mussels, could be found along much of the Lake Ontario shore, while Black and Surf scoter, King Eider, and Ruddy Duck were the uncommon divers for the season. Most grebes left early although a few Pied-billed Grebes wintered. A low number of Common Loons stayed into January, and few Red-throated Loons were seen.

Turkey Vultures are now expected in the eastern Syracuse suburbs through the season. The wintering numbers of Bald Eagle are increasing. We received many reports of Sharp-shinned and Cooper's hawks, most often around populated areas where feeders might be encountered. Northern Harrier and Rough-legged Hawk numbers were low, as most N. Harriers were pushed out by the December snow and Rough-legged Hawks probably found low concentrations of mice and voles. No shorebirds were reported despite relatively mild weather. Snowy Owl, Long-eared Owl, and Short-eared Owl were scarce.

Gulls started building on the Oswego River on 21 December, with many Herring Gulls and four Iceland Gulls appearing as control gates at the dams were opened due to melting of the heavy December snow. The strong flow washed many fish over the dams resulting in a feast for the gulls. Observers remarked that gulls were having such an easy time finding food that they weren't harassing one another for a meal. Numbers peaked in January, with record counts of Iceland and Lesser Black-backed gulls. It was obvious that many gulls were on the move throughout the period; the peak count of 30 Iceland Gulls on 26 January included no adults, while there were at least five adults at Phoenix on 6 January. Two different Thayer's Gulls, one with a missing primary, were showing the generally accepted field marks of first-cycle birds. Little Gull and Black-legged Kittiwake were seen at Derby Hill following the passage of a strong low-pressure system. A Forster's Tern was totally unexpected at the end of December. The Little Gull and Forster's Tern sightings were regional firsts for December.

More Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were reported than usual, although there were no February reports. Northern Flicker numbers were somewhat low. There were many Northern Shrikes in the Region, some of them quite persistent. Common wintering species such as Blue Jay, Black-capped Chickadee, nuthatches, and Golden-crowned Kinglet were scarce in most forests. A Tufted

Titmouse at a Thendara feeder was north of its usual range, while Hermit Thrush, Winter Wren, Gray Catbird, American Pipit, and Yellow-rumped Warbler were among the half hardies spotted.

Ravens in Camillus, Dewitt, and Three Rivers WMA were on the fringes of suburbia; it will be interesting to see if they will continue to expand into human habitation. Even without a substantial wild food crop some large flocks of Cedar Waxwings were seen, but observers found few Bohemian Waxwings in a year when many were in the far northern part of the state. Eastern Towhee, Fox Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, and White-crowned Sparrow were half-hardy sparrows typically expected in winter. Most would be fortunate to survive through February hereabouts. Blackbird numbers were on the low side, with few Red-winged Blackbirds and Common Grackles, a single Rusty Blackbird, and only a few flocks of Brown-headed Cowbirds.

Pine Grosbeaks and redpolls were the finch stars this season. It was the first good Pine Grosbeak invasion since the winter of 2001-02, and they could be found in many areas with crabapples and other ornamental fruit trees. In northern Herkimer County flocks of Pine Grosbeaks were found at bird feeders as well as in the forest. Common Redpolls were generally encountered, although the influx was more or less average, certainly not as big as some years. Some Hoary Redpolls were found in redpoll flocks when there was an opportunity for careful scrutiny. With the lack of cones, only a few Pine Siskins remained in the area and both crossbills were very scarce. Purple Finch was scattered in low numbers. Evening Grosbeaks were at some feeders in early December throughout the Region and afterwards were common only at traditional higher elevation sites with a few nomads elsewhere. Still, it was the best year in some time for winter finches.

A total of 126 species plus two hybrid gulls were seen over the winter, average for the last ten years. Highlights for the season included King Eider, Harlequin Duck, Ruddy Duck, Little Gull, Thayer's Gull, Iceland Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Glaucous Gull, Black-legged Kittiwake, Forster's Tern, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Pine Grosbeak, and Hoary Redpoll.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Bvlle – Baldwinsville; CM – Clay Marsh; DH – Derby Hill; FH – Fair Haven, Little Sodus Bay, and vicinity; Geo – Georgetown; GSC – Great Swamp Conservancy, n. MADI; HI – Howland Island WMA; LOL – Lake Ontario Littoral; OneiL – Oneida Lake; OnonL – Onondaga Lake; Skan – Skaneateles; SPd – Sandy Pond; SVB – Sylvan and Verona Beach; Syr – Syracuse; VB – Van Buren.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Snow Goose: max 1300 Skan L 13 Jan.
Cackling Goose: Sherrill 1 Jan (CS, BB).
Mute Swan: max 10 FH 9 Feb; 4 Canastota 3 Jan.
Tundra Swan: max 88 OnonL 14 Jan; 60 Oneil 13 Jan; 24 Brewerton 28 Feb, wintered.
Wood Duck: max 4 W Winfield 8 Jan; last Manlius 24 Jan.
Gadwall: max 15 OnonL 4 Dec.
Am. Wigeon: max 6 Skan L 24 Feb; 2 SPd 13 Jan; 2 OnonL 31 Jan.
Am. Black Duck: max 84 OnonL 31 Jan.
N. Shoveler: 2 GSC 1 Dec; OnonL 29 Jan (JT).
N. Pintail: 11 Fulton 13 Jan; 33 LOL 17 Feb.
Green-winged Teal: Camillus 16 Jan, only report.
Canvasback: max 4 OnonL 10 Feb; total 19 for season.
Redhead: max 700 OnonL 23 Feb.
Ring-necked Duck: max 130 Otisco L 14 Dec; 14 OnonL 31 Jan.
Greater Scaup: max 497 Skan L 13 Jan.
Lesser Scaup: max 112 LOL 13 Jan.
King Eider: DH 1 Dec; 3 SPd 13 Jan.
Harlequin Duck: Oswego 24-29 Dec (BP).
Surf Scoter: max 7 SPd 10 Dec; Oswego after 9 Feb.
White-winged Scoter: max 698 LOL 13 Jan.
Black Scoter: max 42 SPd 10 Dec; 2 Oswego 26 Feb.
Long-tailed Duck: max 658 LOL 13 Jan.
Bufflehead: max 38 Oswego 22 Dec.
Com. Goldeneye: max 1000 OnonL 23 Feb.
Hooded Merganser: max 245 Otisco L 14 Dec; 30 Fulton 13 Jan.
Com. Merganser: max 4700 OnonL 10 Feb.
Red-breasted Merganser: max 323 LOL 13 Jan.
Ruddy Duck: 2 Syr 1 Dec; Bvlle 15 Feb (JB).
Red-throated Loon: 2 FH 7 Dec; Oswego 22 Dec; Oswego 9 Feb.
Com. Loon: max 5 OnonL 15 Dec; FH 13 Jan.
Pied-billed Grebe: 4 OnonL 15 Dec; about 6 wintered along Oswego R.
Horned Grebe: max 10 LOL 5 Jan; OnonL 15 Feb.
Red-necked Grebe: 2 OnonL 15 Dec; OnonL 14 Jan.
Double-crested Cormorant: max 18 Oswego R 15 Jan.
Great Blue Heron: max 3 Fulton thru Jan.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Turkey Vulture: max 9 Fayetteville 31 Jan.
Bald Eagle: max 11 Redfield 11 Jan; 10 OnonL 30 Jan; 7 Cross L 24 Feb; up to 6 wintered Big Moose.
N. Harrier: Richland 12 Jan; Weedsport 13 Jan, only Jan-Feb reports.
N. Goshawk: reports from CM, Constantia, DH, Geo, Rome, Richland, and W Winfield.
Red-tailed Hawk: 8 DH 24 Feb, early migrants.
Rough-legged Hawk: max 3 SVB 1 Jan & 3 s. MADI 16 Jan.
Merlin: reports from at least 12 sites.
Peregrine Falcon: SPd 13 Jan, local pairs Syr & Utica thru.
Am. Coot: max 8 OnonL 31 Jan; lesser numbers Oswego & FH.
LITTLE GULL: DH 12 Dec, first winter record.

Bonaparte's Gull: max 8 SVB 7 Dec, none after Dec.
Herring Gull: 10,000+ Oswego River in Jan.
Herring Gull X Glaucous Gull (Nelson's Gull): Phoenix 7-24 Jan.
Herring Gull X Lesser Black-backed Gull: Phoenix & Bvlle 24-31 Jan.
Thayer's Gull: 2 Oswego R 29 Dec to 12 Jan (MY, KMGa, BC, BP).
Iceland Gull: 9 Phoenix 22 Dec; max 30 Bvlle to Oswego 26 Jan, record count (AVN, JM, KMGo); 18 Oswego R 13 Feb.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: Phoenix 22 Dec; max 5 Oswego R 29 Dec to 12 Jan.
Glaucous Gull: Phoenix 8 Dec; max 8 Oswego R 29 Dec; Phoenix 13 Feb.
Black-legged Kittiwake: 3 DH 12 Dec.
Forster's Tern: Oswego **30 Dec**, first winter record (KMGa).

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Snowy Owl: Weedsport 5 Feb; N Syr 23 Feb; none at traditional sites.
Barred Owl: numerous reports of birds hunting by day.
Long-eared Owl: Pompey 6 Dec; FH 20 Dec.
Short-eared Owl: SVB 9 Dec.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max 5 Clinton CBC 15 Dec; 7 others to last T Onondaga 25 Jan.
N. Flicker: max 19 Syr 15 Dec.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

N. Shrike: a big year with reports from 30+ locations.
Blue Jay: few in woods, low numbers at feeders.
Am. Crow: 3578 Syr 2 Feb
Fish Crow: max 4 OnonL 14 Jan.
Com. Raven: max 22 Old Forge 20 Dec; 2 Dewitt 8 Dec; Camillus 5 Jan; 2 Green Lakes SP 3 Feb, on suburban fringes.
Horned Lark: max 95 Skan 5 Jan.
Tufted Titmouse: Thendara 13 Feb, unusual Adks.
Brown Creeper: max 3 HI 19 Jan.
Winter Wren: CM 10 Dec; Camillus 5 Jan; Dewitt 26 Jan; CM 25 Feb.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 6 VB 21 Dec; 3 Pratt's Falls 6 Jan.
E. Bluebird: max 22 CM 15 Dec.
Hermit Thrush: Syr 15 Dec; CM 28 Dec.
Am. Robin: max 300 Spafford 25 Jan; also 187 Skan 5 Jan & 137 HI 8 Jan, large flocks in sw. part of Region.
Gray Catbird: Clinton & CM 15 Dec; FH 2 Feb (KMGa).
N. Mockingbird: New London 1 Jan, unusual there.
Am. Pipit: Oswego 9 Dec (GD).
Bohemian Waxwing: 4 Pompey 22 Dec; 2 Clay 19 Dec; Three Rivers WMA 17 Jan.
Cedar Waxwing: max 200 Pompey 26 Dec; also 170 Rome 30 Dec & 123 Oswego 4 Jan.

WARBLERS

Yellow-rumped Warbler: Oswego 29 Dec; 2 HI 8 Jan.

TANAGERS - WEAVERS

E. Towhee: CM 7 Jan (DN).
Am. Tree Sparrow: max 60 SVB 1 Jan.
Fox Sparrow: Geo 23 Dec, only report.
Song Sparrow: max 6 Rome 30 Dec.
Swamp Sparrow: 2 HI 8 Jan.
White-throated Sparrow: max 24 CM 15 Dec; also 24 Elbridge 17 Feb, a good late season count.
White-crowned Sparrow: Scriba 29 Dec (BB, JT).
Dark-eyed Junco: max 47 Elbridge 7 Dec.
Lapland Longspur: max 10 Split Rock 26 Dec; 2 VB 8 Dec; 4 Cato 19-24 Jan; Marshall 24 Feb.
Snow Bunting: max 1000 VB 5 Feb; several flocks of 200+ every month.
Red-winged Blackbird: 7 reports to last 2 CM 28 Jan.
Rusty Blackbird: Syr 15 Dec (JR), only report.
Com. Grackle: 3 reports, last 23 Dec.
Brown-headed Cowbird: max 42 Rome 30 Dec; 14 Colosse 29 Jan, high for snowbelt.
Pine Grosbeak: flocks of 20-35 common and widespread thru; at feeders in Adks, crabapples elsewhere.
Purple Finch: max 9 Clinton CBC 15 Dec; 3 Rome 30 Dec; Oneida 1 Jan; 4 Beaver L after 11 Jan; 2 Elbridge 17 Feb.
Red Crossbill: Forestport 27 Jan.
White-winged Crossbill: Beaver Lake 2-5 Jan.
Com. Redpoll: max 230 Scriba 29 Dec; widespread, typical irruption year.
Hoary Redpoll: Geo 22 Dec; Sauquoit 26 Dec; Pulaski 4 Jan, 2 Feb; DeRuyter after 16 Jan.

Pine Siskin: max 30 Hastings 4 Dec; scattered low numbers, few persist.
Evening Grosbeak: flocks to 40-60 persistent Adks, Tug Hill, & Southern Highlands.

EXOTICS: Mandarin Duck: m New Hartford pond 4 Jan, joined by second m 9 Jan.

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REGION 6—ST. LAWRENCE

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The winter of 2007-08 was characterized by temperatures that fluctuated frequently between seasonally cold temperatures and relatively mild conditions, with the result that overall temperatures averaged above normal. The average December temperature in Watertown of 33.6° F was just 0.4° above normal, but January was actually warmer, with a mean temperature of 35.3°, which is 8.4° above normal. February had a more seasonal mean of 31.3° that was still 1.6° above normal. Monthly precipitation totals for December (4.3") and January (2.8") were each within an inch of normal, and the two-month combined total was less than 0.25" below normal. The February total of 5.1" Watertown received was 2.6" above normal, so that the season as a whole had above-average precipitation, most of which fell as snow. Watertown received 88.5" of snow and, unusually, parts of St. Lawrence County received more, with totals of 100" or more in many locations.

Waterfowl numbers and diversity were high until many Lake Ontario bays and much of the St. Lawrence River froze over in late January. One highlight of the season was a total of five King Eider reported from two locations. King Eider is rarely observed in Region 6, and the four that Chris Reidy and I found at Montario Pt. on 7 December appears to be a Regional high count. These eiders were in an impressive raft of diving ducks that included 500 Long-tailed Duck, all three scoters, and several other species, with an adult female Barrow's Goldeneye nearby. As he so often does, Nick Leone found another Barrow's Goldeneye at Fisher's Landing in January, where he also observed an apparent **Common Goldeneye x Hooded Merganser** hybrid. Nick also found a raft of 8500 Redhead on the St. Lawrence River for the mid-winter waterfowl count, which was the most notable concentration of waterfowl found all winter. Also notable were 1500 Snow Geese observed on the day of the waterfowl count, making two consecutive years with sizable mid-winter flocks.

Raptors were much less numerous than during the winter of 2006-07. Small numbers of Northern Harriers were observed on Pt. Peninsula through mid-January but were absent from the rest of the Region entirely. They left Pt. Peninsula by the end of January. Small concentrations of Red-tailed and Rough-legged hawks were noted in Cape Vincent and Pt. Peninsula, with both species widely scattered throughout the remaining lowland areas. Strangely, Wolfe Island, Ontario, directly across the river from Cape Vincent, hosted substantially larger numbers of Rough-legged Hawks than did anyplace in Region 6. Raptor highlights included a subadult Golden Eagle in Cape Vincent, three Merlin reports, and a Peregrine Falcon that wintered in Ogdensburg.

Bill Stahl spent much of early December kayaking the St. Lawrence River in the vicinity of Coles Creek State Park, where twice he saw a Purple Sandpiper on Murphy Island. Surely this species occurs in the Region more often than reports indicate, with the relative inaccessibility of extensive rocky shore habitat at least partly explaining the paucity of reports. I suspect if birders spent more time on the water Purple Sandpiper and other shorebird species would be better documented. The only white-winged gull reports were from the St. Lawrence River between Ogdensburg and Massena, with two single Iceland Gulls and a maximum of three Glaucous Gulls at Ogdensburg.

The only Snowy Owl report was of a single bird Gerry Smith found in Rodman on 6 January; unfortunately the owl did not stay for others to see it. Short-eared Owls were present in northern Jefferson County in much lower numbers than last winter, with a maximum count of six birds in Cape Vincent. I received reports from five people totaling at least 11 cases of Barred Owls hunting during broad daylight, often in areas not typically associated with this species, such as at feeders or in agricultural fields. Apparently there was a significant movement of Barred Owls into the Region from the north, with resident owls likely preventing the new arrivals from occupying high quality habitat and forcing them to expend more time and energy in locating food.

Several species of irruptive winter birds made good showings this winter. It was the best year for Pine Grosbeaks since the winter of 2001-02, with reports of numerous flocks of 5-25 from all parts of the Region, and occasional reports of flocks of up to 63 individuals. Bohemian Waxwings were present in large numbers in St. Lawrence County, but were generally scarce in the rest of the Region. As has been the case in other recent years, the largest flocks—up to 700 individuals—were reported from Potsdam, with flocks of up to 350 reported from several other towns in the county. I saw several small flocks, 15-40 birds, of Bohemian Waxwings, usually mixed with Cedar Waxwings, on Fort Drum, but otherwise received only one report from Jefferson County. As expected, it was a redpoll year, with widespread reports of mostly small flocks coming to feeders. Flocks of up to 150 were easy to find in natural stands of birch during much of December, but as the winter wore on these larger flocks disappeared and redpolls became difficult to locate away from feeders. I received good descriptions and/or photos of at least four **Hoary Redpolls** from three locations,

with several more reports of probable Hoary Redpolls that didn't allow the observer a good enough view to confirm the ID. Evening Grosbeaks were ubiquitous through much of the fall, but began declining in numbers as the winter season began; small flocks were observed at feeders throughout the Region all winter, with the largest numbers occurring in the Adirondacks.

Several species were notable by their absence or presence in lower than usual numbers. Blue Jays were scarcer than usual, and several people working Christmas Bird Counts commented on their difficulty finding this species. Purple Finches were virtually absent all season, and Pine Siskins and American Goldfinches were present in many locations during early December but largely left the Region by the end of the year. Poor mast and cone crops likely explain these absences.

Half-hardies found in relatively good numbers include Song and White-throated sparrows, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, and Brown-headed Cowbird. The most unusual report was of a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker that successfully over-wintered, thanks in large part to Dick Brouse's feeders. I don't know if it officially counts as a half-hardy, but the Great Blue Heron I saw at Upper and Lower Lakes WMA on 27 January constitutes the latest date for this species in Region 6 that I can find any records for. It isn't clear whether a Belted Kingfisher that Tom and Eileen Wheeler found in this same location on 24 February was an over-wintering bird or an early spring migrant. Other half-hardies reported primarily during the first half of the season included good numbers of Eastern Bluebirds, at least five Northern Flickers, and one Northern Mockingbird.

For the season I received reports of 103 species, which is one fewer than last winter's total. Several observers noted that other than the abundance of Pine Grosbeaks, Bohemian Waxwings, and Common Redpolls, there generally seemed to be relatively few birds around this winter, and the abundance of these irruptives was the highlight of the season.

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ABBREVIATIONS

BI – Barnhart Island, Massena; BRB – Black River Bay; CPSP – Cedar Point SP; CV – Cape Vincent JEFF; FD – Fort Drum Military Reservation; FL – Fisher's Landing JEFF; HH – Henderson Harbor JEFF; HP – Hawkin's Pt. Robert Moses SP, Massena; ICNC – Indian Creek Nature Center Canton STLA; KSP – Keewaydin SP; KC – Kelsey Creek Watertown JEFF; MP – Montario Pt. Ellisburg; PtPen – Pt Peninsula Lyme; SH – Sackett's Harbor, JEFF; SLR – St. Lawrence River; TP – Tibbet's Pt, Cape Vincent; ULLWMA – Upper and Lower Lakes WMA, Canton STLA; WBSP – Westcott's Beach SP, Ellisburg.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Snow Goose: several reports 150-300 JEFF and STLA 2-5 Dec; max 1500 BRB 13 Jan.
Tundra Swan: max 100 HH 7 Jan.
Gadwall: max 10 HP 13 Jan.
Am. Wigeon: 2 Ogdensburg 18 Feb.
Am. Black Duck: max 159 CV 16 Jan.
N. Pintail: max 11 CV 16 Jan.
Canvasback: CV 16 Jan.
Redhead: max 8500 CV 10 Jan, high.
Ring-necked Duck: BI 14 Dec; 2 SH 8 Jan; CV 16 Jan.
Greater Scaup: 2000 BRB 5 Dec; max 3500 CV 10 Jan; 1000 PtPen 16 Jan.
Lesser Scaup: 3 CV 16 Jan.
King Eider: 3 f, 1 first-year male MP 7 Dec (JB, CR); first-year m TP CV 2-4 Feb (NL, SK).
Surf Scoter: 5 MP 7 Dec.
White-winged Scoter: 13 CV 10 Jan; Southwick Beach SP 15 Jan; Ogdensburg SLR 18 Feb thru.
Black Scoter: MP 7 Dec.
Long-tailed Duck: 500 MP 7 Dec; 116 CV 10 Jan; 213 MP 15 Jan; 380 TP 2 Feb.
Bufflehead: 2 SLR Ogdensburg 18 Feb.
Com. Goldeneye: max 1500 FL 5 Jan.
Barrow's Goldeneye: ad f MP 7 Dec (CR, JB); f FL 4-10 Jan (NL).
COM. GOLDENEYE X HOODED MERGANSER: ad m matched published descriptions of this hybrid pairing CV 10 Jan (NL).
Hooded Merganser: 17 FL 5 Jan.
Com. Merganser: 200-700 per day SLR thru late Jan; up to 200 per day Feb.
Red-breasted Merganser: max 51 CV 10 Jan.
Com. Loon: last BI SLR 13 Jan.
Pied-billed Grebe: HH 11 Dec.
Horned Grebe: MP 8 Dec, only report.
Double-crested Cormorant: 1-2 per day SLR Massena thru 13 Jan.
Great Blue Heron: 5 reports; last ULLWMA 27 Jan, late.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: 1-7 per day L Ontario and SLR.
N. Harrier: 2-5 per day PtPen thru 14 Jan.
Sharp-shinned Hawk: 11 reports.
Cooper's Hawk: 27 reports.
N. Goshawk: ad FD 17 Jan; imm ICNC 3 Feb.
Red-tailed Hawk: 10 per day CV thru, low.
Rough-legged Hawk: 15-18 per day CV thru, numbers much lower than previous winter.
Golden Eagle: subad CV 22 Feb (GS).
Am. Kestrel: 1-3 per day near L Ontario and SLR; scarce elsewhere.
Merlin: Watertown 20 Dec; CV early Jan; PtPen thru.
Peregrine Falcon: Ogdensburg thru (MW).
Am. Coot: HH 11 Dec.
Purple Sandpiper: Murphy Is. SLR 6 & 11 Dec (BS).
Bonaparte's Gull: 2 MP 7 Dec, only report.
Iceland Gull: first cycle Ogdensburg 26 Jan; ad Ogdensburg 24 Feb.
Glaucous Gull: HP 27 Dec; BI SLR 13 Jan; max 3 Ogdensburg 27 Jan.

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

E. Screech-Owl: Canton 21 Feb, only report.
Snowy Owl: Rodman 6-7 Jan (GS), only report.
Barred Owl: 11 reports of mid-day activity, including 2 hunting feeders and 1 foraging in a cornfield.
Short-eared Owl: 6 CV thru; PtPen thru; numbers much lower than previous winter.

Belted Kingfisher: ULLWMA 24 Feb.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: m at KC feeder 15 Dec thru (DB).
N. Flicker: WBSP 7 Dec; Potsdam 11 Dec; ULLWMA 20 Dec; FD 8 Jan; 2 PtPen 16 Feb.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

N. Shrike: 1-4 per day thru.
Horned Lark: max 85 Ellisburg 8 Dec; 80 CV 8 Feb.
E. Bluebird: max 12-15 Canton 23 Dec; 8 other reports to 29 Jan.
Am. Robin: max 100 KC 17 Feb; fairly common W and N JEFF, scarce elsewhere.
N. Mockingbird: Canton 5 Dec.
Bohemian Waxwing: max 700+ Potsdam 27 Feb, where several flocks present thru; flocks 5-325 reported elsewhere STLA thru; scarce JEFF where max 40 FD 18 Dec; CPSP Feb only other JEFF location.
Cedar Waxwing: max 100 CPSP 5 Dec.

WARBLERS

No reports.

TANAGERS - WEAVERS

E. Towhee: at CV feeder thru.
Song Sparrow: KC 14 Dec thru; max 4 PtPen 16 Feb.
White-throated Sparrow: Potsdam 3 Dec; 2 KC 14 Dec thru; CV 4 Jan.
Dark-eyed Junco: max 33 ULLWMA 21 Jan; widespread at feeders.
Lapland Longspur: max 7 PtPen 8 Dec; most other reports of 1-3 with Horned Lark or Snow Bunting flocks.
Snow Bunting: max 1500 CV 3 Jan.
Red-winged Blackbird: 3 reports; last Clayton 9 Jan.
Com. Grackle: 5 reports; last Clayton 22 Jan.
Brown-headed Cowbird: 5 reports; last Henderson 23 Jan.
Pine Grosbeak: max 62 ULLWMA 11 Dec; 38 Potsdam 3 Jan; 53 Canton 2 Feb; 27 CPSP 8 Feb; many reports 5-25 thru.
Purple Finch: virtually absent entire period.
Red Crossbill: Ellisburg 8 Dec (KM); up to 6 Barnes Corners thru Dec (GS).
Com. Redpoll: up to 350 per day at Potsdam feeder thru; 150 ULLWMA 25 Dec; many reports 5-40 at feeders throughout Reg; increasingly scarce away from feeders after Dec.
HOARY REDPOLL (R6): Watertown CBC (SG!); 1-2 Potsdam several dates 22 Dec thru (JC photos); ULLWMA 25 Dec (JB!).
Pine Siskin: 7 CV 5 Dec; 5 Potsdam 5 Dec; 2 Canton 15 Dec; 6 KSP 29 Feb; generally scarce, especially after Dec.
Am. Goldfinch: max 85 Lefargeville 3 Feb; 1-3 more typical numbers after Dec.
Evening Grosbeak: max 100 Clifton; scattered reports 5-10 at feeders throughout.

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REGION 7—ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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December was snowy, with 6" at Mooers on the 3rd and another 6" at Malone on the 11th. Saranac Lake dropped to -13°F on 13 December, before a storm from the west combined with a Nor'easter, blanketing Peru with 19" of snow on the 16th and then another 6.5" on the 31st. This was the 4th snowiest December at Plattsburgh. January began with a storm that left 7" of snow at Chazy, then

turned cold, with Saranac Lake dropping to -23° on the 3rd, and then to -33° the following day. Thermometers then reversed, reaching 51° at Tupper Lake on 7 January and 56° at Plattsburgh on the 9th, a day of 65 mph winds that brought three-day power outages to much of the Region. Another Nor'easter hit on the 14th, but monthly temperatures were above normal, reaching 43° at Saranac Lake on the 30th, the end of the month bringing light showers, rain, and freezing rain. February began with more snow, rain, and sleet until a storm on the 7th buried Elizabethtown and Moriah in 16" of snow. Saranac Lake dropped to -23° on the 12th, the first day of the month with no snowfall, prior to yet another storm the next day. Thermometers climbed from -15° at Newcomb on the 16th to a balmy 61° in Plattsburgh two days later. A major storm from the west 26-27 February left 10.5" of snow in Moriah, and, with a monthly total of 40" at Plattsburgh, this was the snowiest February on record. Winter snowfall of 100" also set an all-time mark for the Champlain Valley. The season ended with a low of -30° at Saranac Lake on Leap Day, followed by yet another snowstorm.

Lake Champlain stood at 96.81' at the start of the season, rose to 98.58' by 15 January, following the thaw, then fell back to 97.37' by season's end. The lake never entirely froze, providing fair waterfowl variety through the season, with late county records for Ruddy Duck and Red-necked Grebe. Common Merganser was especially abundant, and a record 67 Horned Grebe were reported during the Waterfowl Count. Bald Eagle may also have profited from the open water. Many of the 84 eagles counted along the shoreline during the 15 January aerial survey by the NYS DEC were concentrated outside Region 7 in the Champlain narrows of Washington County, but ten were gathered at Snake Den Harbor and many others found along the broad lake. By the end of January, 18 Bald Eagles were concentrated at Westport alone. Inland eagle numbers were, by necessity, lower, with some gathered at carcasses on the ice of lakes or at an Inlet feeder. By season's end a pair near Tupper Lake was initiating nesting activity. The best winter raptor, however, was the dark-phase **Gyrfalcon** at Cumberland Head on 28 February, although reports of this large falcon have become increasingly regular in recent decades. As the autumn explosion of mice subsided, owls began to move into yards, with daytime feeder reports of Great Horned Owl at Inlet and Barred Owl at Elizabethtown (where one attacked a bander in the act of removing a Downy Woodpecker from a mist net on Valentine's Day), Inlet, Keene, and Tupper Lake.

Half-hardies included a Belted Kingfisher along Alburg Brook on 5 January for a late Franklin County record, and another kingfisher near Inlet on 21 February for the first Hamilton County winter record, perhaps an early arrival. Six Northern Flicker were about average, but there were good numbers of Tufted Titmouse and Carolina Wren. Eastern Bluebird was generally scarce, but American Robin was numerous in the Champlain Valley, with a record 255 at one location north of Essex on 28 January. The only Northern Mockingbird reports came from Cumberland Head, and both Song and White-throated sparrows were rather scarce. The most unexpected half-hardy was a Eastern

Meadowlark that spent 12 days south of Plattsburgh in mid-December.

The two waxwings are usually exclusive here in winter, but this season saw good numbers of both, with 575 Bohemian Waxwing on the Plattsburgh CBC and 231 Cedar Waxwing on the Elizabethtown CBC. Most were still found in single-species flocks, with Bohemians the more numerous, although not as abundant or widespread as at the start of the invasion that began in late October. The concurrent Pine Grosbeak invasion that had commenced even earlier, in early October, similarly continued, with a count record **172** tallied on the Saranac Lake CBC. The series of winter storms forced numbers of these handsome finches into feeders across the Region, with as many as 25 at Inlet and Tupper Lake feeding stations and flocks of up to 30 birds widespread. The other invasive winter finch was Common Redpoll, with 975 counted on the Saranac Lake CBC and large flocks at many regional feeders. Only three Hoary Redpoll reports were received, and "Greater" Redpoll (*C.f. rostrata*) may have been more numerous during this invasion, based upon banding and sight records. Purple Finch, both crossbills, and Pine Siskin were exceedingly scarce, and American Goldfinch were largely confined to the Champlain corridor, with 242 on the Plattsburgh CBC. Numbers of Evening Grosbeak were slightly improved over recent years, with 170 on the Saranac Lake CBC, but still far short of the spruce budworm era of the 1970s. The seasonal total of 96 species was also short of the three-way tie of 109 species attained in the winters of 2001-02, 2005-06, and 2006-07, but respectable given weather conditions and fuel prices that encouraged observers to stay home and feed the woodstove, while enjoying the grosbeaks and redpolls just outside.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AMR – Akwesasne Mohawk Reserve; AP – Ausable Pt; BB – Bloomingdale Bog; CR – Chazy Riverlands; ECBC – Elizabethtown CBC 29 Dec; FBCB – Ferrisburgh CBC 15 Dec; NP – Noblewood Pk; PCBC – Plattsburgh CBC 16 Dec; PtR – Pt au Roche; SLCBC – Saranac L CBC 30 Dec; TL – Tupper L; WB – Whallon's Bay; WC – NYS Waterfowl Count 12-13 Jan; WD – Wilcox Dock.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Snow Goose: max 1000 CR 5 Dec (JP).
Canada Goose: white-on-red collars Beekmantown 5-6 Dec (BK). banded St-Paul l'Ermite, QC 10 Jul '04 & 4 Jul '07; max 200 Cumberland Bay 2 Dec (NO); CH 5 Feb (BK), late.
Mute Swan: 5 imm Plattsburgh 24-28 Dec (JH,J&SP); same 5 CH 1 Jan (BK); last 2 CH 3 Feb (LM).
Gadwall: Westport 15 Dec (J&PT), only report.
N. Pintail: 4 Monty's Bay 30 Dec (BK); pr AP 9 Jan (CK); PtR 13 Jan (BK); m Westport 31 Jan (PO,NW).
Redhead: m Westport 6 Jan (J&PT); max 3 Westport 28 Jan (JP,EKT); 2 pr AP 3 Feb (BK,CM); last 2 Westport 5 Feb (C&RM).
Ring-necked Duck: max 75 Westport 2 Feb (J&PT); last 4 AP 5 Feb (C&RM).
Greater Scaup: max 11 WC; 4 AP 26 Jan (BK,CM); last m Westport 28 Jan (JP,EKT).
Lesser Scaup: 1-3 NP, PCBC, Pt Kent, WD Dec; pr Westport 28 Jan (JP,EKT).
White-winged Scoter: Westport 28 Dec (MDM), only report.
Long-tailed Duck: WD 1-15 Dec, max 4 there 14 Dec (BK); f LP 14 Dec (J&PT); count wk PCBC; 3 WC, nice finds.
Bufflehead: max 300 NP 5 Dec (PO).
Com. Goldeneye: max 1300 AP 24 Dec (DCR).
Barrow's Goldeneye: m Essex harbor 5 Dec; m NP 5 Dec (PO); f AP 29 Dec (BK,CM), always good.
Hooded Merganser: max 34 WC.
Red-breasted Merganser: 2 m AP 24 Dec (DCR); WC, typical low numbers.
Com. Merganser: max 2000 CH 18 Dec (BK,SJ,CM); 1000 Pt Henry 31 Dec (MDM), ties ESSE high.
Ruddy Duck: WD 14-15 Dec (BK), late CLIN; Westport 24 Dec (DN)-28 Dec (MDM); Essex 6 Jan (DCR); Essex 12-13 Jan (GL,JP,DCR), very rare ESSE.
Wild Turkey: max 50 PCBC; 35 Inlet feeder 24 Dec (GL); 32 Jay feeder Jan (L&PO).
Pied-billed Grebe: Westport 19 Jan (J&PT), late.
Horned Grebe: max **67** WC, count record.
Red-necked Grebe: max 3 Westport 15 Dec (J&PT); 2 FCBC; Bluff Point 13 Jan (PG,JH), late CLIN.
Great Blue Heron: WD 4 Dec (BK); 2 Essex 5 Dec (PO); CR 10 Dec (JP); AP 24 Dec (DCR), all late.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: max 18 Westport & 22 between there and Willsboro Bay 31 Jan (PO,NW); 17 Bald Eagle Survey ground count, but 84 CLIN-ESSE-WASH on DEC aerial survey of L Champlain 15 Jan, including 10 Snake Den Harbor (PN); 1-2 Inlet feeder thru (GL); pr Moody 29 Feb (SC), refurbishing nest with sticks from muskrat houses; many other reports.
N. Harrier: Essex 5 Dec (PO); ad m CH 11-12 Dec (BK), fairly late here.
Sharp-shinned Hawk: Witherbee feeder 21-22 Feb (CW, photo), perched on head of St. Francis statue, but hardly saintly.
Red-tailed Hawk: feeding on deer carcass L Simond ice 17 Feb (CD).
Rough-legged Hawk: max 6 AMR 5 Dec; feeding on dog carcass AMR 28 Feb (HW).
Merlin: ad Pt Kent 7 Jan (DCR), very rare winter visitant.
GYRFALCON: dark phase Colligan Pt, CH 28 Feb (BK,SJ), no NYSARC report.
Peregrine Falcon: imm Valcour I 7 Dec (WS); ad Split Rock 25 Feb (EKT), very rare in winter.
Am. Coot: WD 4-6 Dec (BK); AP 6 Jan (DCR), only reports.
Iceland Gull: imm AP 29 Jan (BK,CM), a nice find.

Great Black-backed Gull: max 71 PCBC; 29 WC; 3 FCBC.

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Great Horned Owl: Inlet feeder 1 Dec (GL).
Snowy Owl: Porter Mt 7 Dec; Keene 19 Jan (J&PT), nice finds.
Barred Owl: 2 Keene feeders thru (J&PT); 10 daytime visits Elizabethtown feeder 8 Jan-15 Feb (JP), banded 14 Feb; Inlet feeder 10 & 16 Jan (GL); TL yard 14 Feb (GF).
Short-eared Owl: T Bombay 1 Dec; T Moira 8 Dec (MAM); CH 15 Dec (NO), encouraging.
Belted Kingfisher: Alburg Bk, T Dickinson 5 Jan (MAM), 1st Jan record FRAN; Limekiln Rd 21 Feb (GL), 1st winter record HAMI.
Red-bellied Woodpecker: Willsboro Pt 5 Feb (C&RM), a good find.
Downy Woodpecker: max **57** SLCBC, count record.
Hairy Woodpecker: max **60** SLCBC, ditto.
Black-backed Woodpecker: 2 SLCBC; Shallow L, only reports.
N. Flicker: Essex 5 Dec (PO); Valcour 13 Dec (EF), 2 PCBC; Westport 26 Dec (EDT), Plattsburgh 7 Feb (EF), about average.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

N. Shrike: 25 locations, including 5 feeders, a strong showing.
Gray Jay: max 18 SLCBC; 2-3 Paul Smiths VIC feeder thru (LW), present from early Oct; 4 Upper Saranac L feeders to 29 Feb (CD); 2 Vermontville feeder Dec (JK); max 5-6 BB 6 Jan (TD).
Am. Crow: 425 PCBC, but 1000+ Plattsburgh roost 28 Dec (J&SP).
Com. Raven: max **59** SLCBC, count record; 12 FCBC & 3 AP 16 Jan (BK,CM), both low elevations.
Horned Lark: max 50-60 Essex 5 Jan (TD); smaller flocks FCBC, N Bangor, PCBC, Peru, Westport, Whallonsburg.
Black-capped Chickadee: max 1186 SLCBC.
Boreal Chickadee: max 7 SLCBC; Bigelow Rd 21 Jan (TD), only reports.
Tufted Titmouse: max 20 PCBC; also Elizabethtown, FCBC, Jay, LP, SLCBC, Ticonderoga, TL, Witherbee.
Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 95 SLCBC; 12 PCB; 10 ECBC, generally scarce.
White-breasted Nuthatch: max **61** SLCBC, count record.
Carolina Wren: 2 Plattsburgh 4 Dec (CM); 2 PCBC; Westport 28 Jan (EKT); CH 4 Feb (NO); Willsboro Pt Feb (RL), an excellent showing.
E. Bluebird: max 6 m Peru 14-15 Jan (E&HF); 3-5 Essex, PCBC, 3 Plattsburgh, Westport, Willsboro, low numbers.
Am. Robin: max **255** Essex 28 Jan (JP,EKT), record high ESSE; other flocks of 100-200 Essex, Ticonderoga, Valcour.
N. Mockingbird: CH 20 Dec (NO), feeding on small apples, euonymous, & highbush cranberry; Sunnyside Rd, CH 1 Jan (BK), only reports.
Bohemian Waxwing: max 575 PCBC; 210 Westport 26 Dec (DN); 200 W Chazy 2 Dec (JH); 200 Peru 5-9 Dec (EF,DCR); 171 Westport 15 Dec (J&PT); smaller flocks Chesterfield, Elizabethtown, Paul Smiths, SLCBC; 3 collected Wadhams 19 Feb (AMNH, JP).
Cedar Waxwing: max **231** ECBC, count record; flocks of 30-60 Essex, Peru, Valcour, WB, Willsboro, Willsboro Pt; 4 collected Whallonsburgh 19 Feb (AMNH,JP).

TANAGERS - WEAVERS

Song Sparrow: PCBC; SLCBC; CH 15-16 Feb (NO), only reports.
White-throated Sparrow: max 3 PCBC; SLCBC, only reports.
Dark-eyed Junco: max 301 PCBC; 108 FCBC; others CH, Elizabethtown, Keene, Ticonderoga, TL, Witherbee.
Lapland Longspur: Essex 5 Dec (PO); max **7** in pure flock Northway Exit 39 14 Dec (BK,CM), high CLIN.
Snow Bunting: max 1500 CR 5 Dec (JP), with Snow Geese; 500 Essex 5 Dec (PO); a dozen other reports of 1-100, a good showing.
N. Cardinal: max 129 PCBC; **37** FCBC, record high ESSE.
Red-winged Blackbird: Essex 15 Dec (CS); 2 PCBC, only reports.
E. Meadowlark: S of Plattsburgh [Blaine Rd, off Lyons Rd] 11-22 Dec (EF), only Dec record CLIN, but late county date is 7 Jan.
Rusty Blackbird: PCBC, a good find.
Com. Grackle: max 17 PCBC; 2 Essex 15 Dec (CS), only reports.
Brown-headed Cowbird: max 12 Keeseville 16 Dec (JL); 11 PCBC; others

Essex, Plattsburgh, Pt Henry, SL, but increasingly scarce here in winter.
Pine Grosbeak: max **172** SLCBC, count record; 108 PCBC; flock of **30** Essex 15 Dec (JP,RW); visited feeders Elizabethtown, Inlet, Jay, LL, Paul Smiths,TL, Vermontville; ~25 other reports, a major invasion.
Purple Finch: 4 PCBC, only report.
House Finch: max 130 PCBC; 2 Westport 15 Dec (J&PT), only reports.
Red Crossbill: 6 Rte 2, Blue Ridge 23 Feb (J&PT), only report.
White-winged Crossbill: count wk SLCBC, only report.
Com. Redpoll: max 975 SLCBC; 258 PCBC; 203 FCBC; 158 ECBC; ~26 other reports; 6 "Greater" Redpoll (*C.f. rostrata*) banded Elizabethtown 13 Dec & 3 Feb (JP); "Greater" sight records Elizabethtown 31 Dec (J&SP) & 11 Feb (JP); ~10+ apparent *rostrata* New Russia feeder 23 Dec (EKT).
Hoary Redpoll: SLCBC; apparent nominate *C.h. hornemanni* New Russia feeder 29-30 Dec (EKT); *C.h. exilipes* Elizabethtown feeder 31 Dec-1Jan (J&SP).
Pine Siskin: max 33 PCBC; others Elizabethtown, Essex, TL, Ticonderoga, W Chazy, fairly scarce.
Am. Goldfinch: max 242 PCBC; 100 Willsboro Pt feeder Feb (RL); ~6 reports of up to 30 elsewhere, but thinly distributed.
Evening Grosbeak: max 170 SLCBC; 100 Vermontville 29 Dec (JK); ~9 other reports of flocks as large as 30, mostly at feeders.

CAVEAT: Any NYS studies based upon Christmas Bird Count data should disregard the compilation for **Ferrisburg [VTFE]** published in *The Kingbird* 57:2, pp. 115-16. As noted in the same issue (p. 174), "For the first time since 1973, no separate compilation for the NYS side of the Ferrisburg, VT/NY, count circle was available." The Essex County portion of the circle comprises a thin crescent of shoreline between Coll and Whallon's bays, extending inland only to the CPR tracks at Westport and Whallonsburg, and just three of the 38 observers covered the New York side in 2006. The **Greater White-fronted Goose, Wood Duck,** and **Snowy Owl** did not occur in Region 7, and the majority of species and individuals occurred in VT.

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REGION 8—HUDSON-MOHAWK

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After several consecutive mild winters, this season returned to historic normal weather conditions, with only slightly warmer than average temperatures. December temperatures were near historic averages, with significant snow showers at Albany International Airport on 16 and 31 December. Snow quickly covered ground surfaces, and all water but streams froze early in December. Many ground-water seepages in gullies and forest bottoms remained open, however, providing a haven for a number of half-hardies picked up on Christmas Bird Counts. A brief moderating trend occurred in early January, with daytime and nighttime temperatures above freezing, but most calm bodies of water remained frozen and a series of light snow showers soon covered any exposed patches of ground. February ended 1.2° F above average and storms on the 12th, 22nd, and 26th bolstered the Region's snowpack by several inches.

The Hudson and Mohawk rivers remained largely unfrozen throughout the season.

Despite the open rivers, waterfowl were scarce and unimpressive this year. Average numbers of common species appeared on Christmas Bird Counts and January waterfowl counts. Rich Guthrie found a **Cackling Goose** (or rather heard one from the two-way baby monitors he keeps in his house on the Hudson River and confirmed its identity by sight). A hearty Double-crested Cormorant lingered on the Hudson at Peebles Island until 30 December, and Turkey Vultures arrived early this year in late February.

Birders on the Southern Rensselaer CBC were treated to an **Osprey,** and a single location maximum of 27 Bald Eagles at Cohoes Falls is unusual for the Region. Merlins continue to be sighted frequently, and birders reported three Red-shouldered Hawks this winter. The National Aviary, in collaboration with American and Canadian ornithologists, set up an interesting interactive feature on their website, http://www.aviary.org/csrv/eaglePA.php, where viewers can follow the wanderings of a tagged female Golden Eagle (No. 67) that wintered mostly in western Greene County. The bird was captured on its nest in the summer of 2007 in the Matane Wildlife Refuge in Quebec. During migration it flew south through Maine, down the Presidential ranges of northern New England, spiraling around Connecticut before heading west along the Mass Pike and settling in the northern Catskills.

Nancy Kern and Marion Ulmer found two **Sandhill Cranes** moving south down the Hudson River at Stockport Station in Columbia County. It's exciting to receive multiple reports of this species each year now.

This was a decent winter for gulls. Iceland Gulls were ever present on the large rivers, and birders sent in several reports of Lesser Black-backed and Glaucous gulls. On the New York State Thruway rest stop in New Baltimore, Rich Guthrie spotted a **Laughing Gull** gorging itself on hamburger buns and French fries.

The unchampioned bird of the season is the single **Townsend's Solitaire**, which Rich Guthrie, Jory Langer, and Leroy Suess found feeding on wild grapes in a tangle of sumac in a brushy field at Thompson Lake State Park in Albany County. The troupe observed the bird for 10 minutes before it flew up the road and into obscurity.

A few half-hardies showed up on area Christmas Bird Counts. This year three circles reported **Gray Catbird**. Most counts reported Hermit Thrushes. Schenectady birders picked up a Field Sparrow, and several others reported Savannah and White-crowned sparrows. Cliff Lamere spotted and photographed an **Ovenbird** in Loudonville, Albany County in December. After the count season, an unusually early flock of Tree Swallows showed up in February in Schoharie County, and Chad Witko of Claverack found a **Brown Thrasher** on 26 February. All of the common icterids were present in small numbers throughout the season.

This was a winter for finch enthusiasts to remember. Small flocks of Common Redpolls were reported so widely that the Hudson-Mohawk Birdline resorted to describing them in shorthand as "numerous." A few careful observers sent in good details for **Hoary Redpolls.** Pine Siskins and Evening Grosbeaks were also widely reported, but only a few crossbills were reported from the Johnstown-Gloversville CBC. The big news is, of course, the major irruption of Pine Grosbeaks in the Region. Flock sizes averaged around eight individuals and were reported from Adirondack feeders all the way into the southern river valley lowlands. With some patience and a Sunday to burn, most birders could find them by staking out a good patch of crab apples or mountain ash in exurban areas.

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ABBREVIATIONS

CAT – T Catskill GREE; CHA – T Chatham COLU; COX – T Coxsackie GREE; FtE – T Fort Edwards WASH; GLO – T Gloversville FULT; HR – Hudson Ri; JOH – T Johnstown FULT; VF – Vischer's Ferry SARA.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Snow Goose: 2 Niskayuna SCHE 2 Dec; max 3000 Florida MONT 10 Dec; Ghent COLU 15 Dec; 4 Troy CBC 29 Dec; FtE 5 Jan; COX boat launch 13 Jan; HR COLU 15 Feb.
CACKLING GOOSE: New Baltimore GREE 14 Dec.
Canada Goose: max 8777 SARA CBC 15 Dec.
Tundra Swan: HR at Germantown COLU 2 Feb (MBr).
Wood Duck: Rexford SARA 15 Dec; 3 SARA CBC 15 Dec; SCHE CBC 15 Dec; arr Hillsdale COLU 24 Feb.
Gadwall: COX boat launch 11-15 Feb.
Am. Wigeon: Rt 9 COLU 29 Feb.
Am. Black Duck: max 30 Mechanicville SARA 19 Jan.
N. Pintail: MR at Lock 7 18 Dec ; JOH-GLO CBC 22 Dec ; 2 S RENS CBC 22 Dec.
Canvasback: HR SARA 13 Dec; 3 SARA CBC 15 Dec.
Redhead: Hudson Falls CBC 22 Jan; 2 FtE 15 Feb; HR COLU 20 Feb.

Ring-necked Duck: max 50 Loughberry L SARA 1 Dec.
Lesser Scaup: Ooms Pd COLU 8 Dec; CHA CBC 15 Dec.
Greater Scaup: max 3 VF 10 Dec.
White-winged Scoter: 3 SARA CBC 15 Dec.
Long-tailed Duck: SCHE CBC 15 Dec; VF 15-21 Dec; MR Lock 7 18 Dec.
Bufflehead: max 10 Waterford SARA 21 Jan.
Com. Goldeneye: max 200 FtE 21 Feb.
Hooded Merganser: max 50 Tomhannock Res RENS 8 Dec.
Com. Merganser: max 1000 Cohoes ALBA 25 Dec.
Red-breasted Merganser: 3 Saratoga L 9 Dec; SARA CBC 15 Dec; Troy CBC 29 Dec; L George WARR 22 Jan.
Ruddy Duck: max 12 ALB CBC 22 Dec; 12 Troy CBC 29 Dec.
Ruffed Grouse: max 4 ALB CBC 22 Dec.
Ring-necked Pheasant: 3 FtE 19-24 Jan; Partridge Run ALBA 2 Feb, only reports.
Com. Loon: New Baltimore GREE 5 Dec; max 3 L George WARR 8-30 Dec; SARA CBC 15 Dec.
Horned Grebe: Troy CBC 29 Dec.
Double-crested Cormorant: Peebles I SARA 30 Dec.
Great Blue Heron: max 3 Collins L SCHE 13 Dec.
Turkey Vulture: arr Troy RENS 31 Jan; Hillsdale COLU 19 Feb; COX grasslands GREE 28 Feb; Copake L COLU 29 Feb.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

OSPREY: S RENS CBC 22 Dec.
Bald Eagle: max 27 Cohoes Falls ALBA 7 Jan, high count.
N. Harrier: max 10 CHA CBC 15 Dec.
Cooper's Hawk: max 9 SAL CBC 5 Jan.
N. Goshawk: Providence SARA 10 Dec; 2 Troy CBC 29 Dec; E Jewett GREE 19 Feb.
Red-shouldered Hawk: Florida MONT 8 Jan; Delmar ALBA 3 Feb; FtE 24 Feb.
Rough-legged Hawk: max 20 Hudson Falls CBC 22 Dec.
Golden Eagle: mostly SW GREE 6 Dec-10 Feb, see notes.
Merlin: New Baltimore GREE 5 Dec; SARA CBC 15 Dec; SCHE CBC 15 Dec; CAT-COX CBC 18 Dec; 3 S RENS CBC 22 Dec; ALBA CBC 22 Dec; 3 Troy CBC 29 Dec; Papscanee RENS 25 Jan; FtE 25-26 Jan; Meadowdale ALBA 3 Feb; Niskayuna SCHE 24 Feb.
Peregrine Falcon: 2 Troy CBC 29 Dec, several other reports of singles near HR.
Am. Coot: VF 10 Dec; SARA CBC 15 Dec.
SANDHILL CRANE: 2 Stockport COLU 9 Jan (NK, MU).
LAUGHING GULL: New Baltimore GREE 2 Jan (RG), rare in winter.
Iceland Gull: 2 Cox boat launch 7-18 Dec; 5 Cox boat launch 20 Dec; 2 Cohoes ALBA 21-29 Dec; S RENS CBC 22 Dec; MR Lock 7 28 Dec; 5 Troy CBC 29 Dec; max 7 Cohoes ALBA 10 Jan, several other reports of singles.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: CHA CBC 15 Dec; CAT-COX CBC 18 Dec; Cohoes ALBA 21 Dec.
Glaucous Gull: CAT-COX CBC 18 Dec; Cohoes ALBA 21 Dec - 6 Jan; 2 Troy CBC 29 Dec; 2 Cohoes ALBA 10 Jan.
Great Black-backed Gull: max 250 MR Crescent 20 Jan.

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

E. Screech-Owl: max 8 SCHE CBC 15 Dec.
SNOWY OWL: 2 JOH-GLO CBC 22 Dec; Clifton Pk SARA 15 Jan; FtE 21 Jan-23 Feb.
Long-eared Owl: CAT-COX CBC 18 Dec, count week.
Short-eared Owl: 4 FtE 8 Dec; 2 FtE 10 Dec; 2 CAT-COX CBC 18 DEC; COX grasslands 21 Jan.
N. Saw-whet Owl: CAT-COX CBC 18 Dec; JOH-GLO CBC 22 Dec.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max 7 SCHE CBC 15 Dec.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

N. Shrike: FtE 10 Dec thru; Papscanee RENS 21 Dec; Florida MONT 21 Dec; ALBA CBC 22 Dec; S RENS CBC 22 Dec; Cambridge WASH 28 Dec; COX flats 28 Dec-15 Jan; Petersburgh RENS 3-15 Jan; Gansevoort SARA 3 Feb.
Fish Crow: max 23 Troy CBC 29 Dec.
Com. Raven: max 7 Burnt-Rossman Hills SF SCHO 15 Dec.
Horned Lark: max 108 CHA COLU 8 Dec.
Tree Swallow: arr Cobleskill SCHO 13 Feb, early.
Black-capped Chickadee: max 723 JOH-GLO 22 Dec.

Tufted Titmouse: max 203 SARA CBC 15 Dec.
Carolina Wren: max 9 S RENS CBC 22 Dec; 9 Troy CBC 29 Dec.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: SCHE CBC 15 Dec; Rexford SARA 25 Dec-18 Jan.
E. Bluebird: max 137 SAL CBC 5 Jan.
TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE: Thompson L SP ALBA 20- Feb (RG, JL, LS).
Hermit Thrush: CHA CBC 15 Dec; 2 SCHE CBC 15 Dec; ALBA CBC 22 Dec; JOH-GLO CBC 22 Dec; S RENS CBC 22 Dec; Troy CBC 29 Dec; Five Rivers ALBA 17 Feb.
GRAY CATBIRD: Rotterdam SCHE 13 Dec; 2 SCHE CBC 15 Dec; ALBA CBC 22 Dec; SAL CBC 5 Jan.
BROWN THRASHER: Claverack COLU 26 Feb (CW).
Am. Pipit: 2 CHA CBC 15 Dec.

WARBLERS

Yellow-rumped Warbler: Livingston COLU 2 Dec; 4-mile Pt GREE 6 Dec.
OVENBIRD: Loudonville ALBA 18 Dec, photographed (CL).

TANAGERS - WEAVERS

Field Sparrow: SCHE CBC 15 Dec.
Savannah Sparrow: Ghent COLU 15 Dec; 3 SARA CBC 15 Dec; 2 Papscanee RENS 20 Dec; 2 S RENS CBC 22 Dec.
Fox Sparrow: E Greenbush RENS 4-5 Dec; CAT-COX CBC 18 Dec.
Swamp Sparrow: SCHE CBC 15 Dec; S RENS CBC 22 Dec.
White-crowned Sparrow: CAT-COX CBC 18 Dec; S RENS CBC 22 Dec; SAL CBC 5 Jan; max 4 Kinderhook COLU 29 Jan.
Lapland Longspur: SARA CBC 15 Dec; 12 Petersburgh RENS 19 Dec; max 21 Florida MONT 21 Dec; Five Rivers ALBA 1 Jan; FtE 5 Jan.
Snow Bunting: max 180 Glen MONT 6 Dec.
Red-winged Blackbird: max 32 New Baltimore GREE 29 Feb.
Rusty Blackbird: Taghkanic COLU 1-3 Dec.
Com. Grackle: max 10 Wildwing Pk GREE 18 Feb.
Brown-headed Cowbird: max 154 Livingston COLU 3 Dec.
Pine Grosbeak: monthly max 31 Partridge Run ALBA 29 Dec; monthly max 41 Partridge Run ALBA 19 Jan; monthly max 16 E Greenbush RENS 16 Feb, widespread reports of flocks of fewer than 10 individuals throughout Region.
Purple Finch: max 15 Claverack COLU 17 Jan.
Red Crossbill: 4 JOH-GLO CBC 22 Dec, only report.
White-winged Crossbill: 3 JOH-GLO CBC 22 Dec, only report.
Com. Redpoll: max 226 S RENS CBC 22 Dec, abundant and widespread throughout Region Dec thru.
HOARY REDPOLL: Malta SARA 6 Jan (GR); Galway SARA 3 Feb; Berne ALBA 16 Feb-1 Mar (TW).
Pine Siskin: max 20 Malta SARA 9 Dec.
Evening Grosbeak: 5 Partridge Run ALBA 2 Dec; max 27 Providence SARA 17 Dec; 14 SAL CBC 5 Jan; max **280** Batchellerville FULT 3 Feb, high count (RH).

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REGION 9—HUDSON - DELAWARE

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The season started out cold. The first week of December saw temperatures dip into the teens. Temperatures moderated for mid month. A Nor'easter, mainly a mix of sleet and rain, on the 16th made the Greenwich CBC switch to a day earlier, making coverage for some of the first Saturday counts a little leaner. High winds continued until the 17th. The last week of the month had temperatures 10° above normal. Precipitation was slightly below normal with very little snow. Poughkeepsie did see eight to twelve inches on the 13th, with lower Westchester seeing mainly sleet. January was dry and warm, resulting in no appreciable snow. Precipitation was less than half of normal, and temperatures ran 4.5° to 6.3° warmer than average. February saw precipitation well above normal. White Plains came in with 6.5" and Poughkeepsie 7.5". Temperatures were slightly above normal, and the only real snow for White Plains for the entire season fell on 21-22 Feb.

The story of the season was rare visitors from the north, noteworthy mainly due to their accommodating behavior to so many birders for most of the season. It started in early December, when Sullivan County hosted two Bohemian Waxwings in Liberty, with flocks of Pine Grosbeaks in Liberty, Neversink, and Grahamsville, and Evening Grosbeaks in Parksville. There were also many Common Redpolls Regionwide. Most of the birds stayed well into January and even February. To add to birders' excitement, there was a very accommodating Hoary Redpoll at Curt McDermott's feeder in Montgomery found on 24 December. It stayed through the period. Bohemian Waxwings, Pine Grosbeaks, Evening Grosbeaks, and even Hoary Redpolls were reported from a few other areas as well. There was also a White-winged Crossbill in Wurtsboro on 5 December.

As usual, the CBCs had many highlights. Most of the counts broke or tied their record numbers of species. Many had high numbers of Red-bellied Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, and American Robin.

The 15 December Mohonk Lake/Ashokan Reservoir CBC (NYML) recorded a record 79 species. Large bodies of water remained open. The highlight was a probable **Brewer's Blackbird** found by Steve Chorvas and Jackie Bogardus. Other highlights included Northern Shrike, three Rough-legged Hawks, four Chipping Sparrows, eight White-crowned Sparrows, 120 Snow Buntings, four Rusty Blackbirds, 50 Common Redpolls, and three Pine Siskins. Numbers of Black and Turkey vultures were both down considerably in comparison with recent years. The male Brewer's Blackbird was observed again by Steve Chorvas near a compost pile at the end of Fording Place Road in Lomontville, Town of Marbletown, on 30 December.

The East Orange CBC held December 15 tallied 88 species, with highlights including a Snow Goose, Northern Saw-whet Owl, and high counts of 26 Northern Harrier, five Rough-legged Hawk, eight Short-eared Owl, 124 Red-bellied Woodpecker, 14 Yellow bellied Sapsucker, and 1405 American Robin.

The December 22 Dutchess County CBC set a new record of 84 species, surpassing the old mark of 79. New species included a Lesser Black-backed Gull. Other highlights included House Wren, Gray Catbird, Snow Goose, 61 redpolls, 1264 American Robin, 20 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, and 86 Red-bellied Woodpecker.

The Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count held Sunday December 23, 2007, found a record 126 species on a very wet, miserable day. Highlights from the Westchester half of the count were many and included two Eurasian Wigeon. In the sound off Rye, all three species of scoter were found along with a Red-necked Grebe and three Northern Gannets. Two Common Ravens were over Lenoir Nature Preserve in Yonkers for the 3rd count record; the other sightings were in 1941 and 2006. Warblers included a Palm in Rye and a Yellow-breasted Chat in Hartsdale. A Lapland Longspur was keeping company with a flock of Snow Bunting in Read Sanctuary, Rye. The most surprising find was a report of an **Indigo Bunting** at Ward Acres, a park in New Rochelle, for the count's 3rd record and for the second year in a row! Unfortunately, for the first time in 84 years, the count missed Ring-necked Pheasant.

Sullivan County held its annual Christmas Bird Count 27 December and set a new record with 60 species seen. An additional four species were seen on Christmas day for count week. Highlights included two Bohemian Waxwings, Northern Goshawk, Northern Shrike, redpolls, and Pine Siskins. Long-tailed Duck, Golden Eagle, and Red Crossbills were highlights of the 29 December Putnam CBC. A high count of 21 Common Raven is a good indication as to how this species has come back to this Region. The Peekskill CBC found 91 species 15 December, and their highlights included Brant (heading north up river shortly after daylight), Common Redpoll, and Red Crossbill. The Southern Orange CBC reported 80 species, with a possible **Pacific Loon**, though I have not seen details and the Regional CBC editor noted marginal details. The Monticello CBC on December 27 tied their species record of 60, and included two Bohemian Waxwing and 49 Common Redpoll. The Pawling (Hidden Valley) CBC held January 1 had 84 species, including a Yellow-headed Blackbird, count week Pine Grosbeak, a Snow Goose, a Broad-winged Hawk (in Connecticut), 9 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, and 1303 American Robin.

On Saturday 27 January, several members of the Edgar A. Mearns Bird Club found two Trumpeter Swans on the Croton Reservoir. Both swans were observed from the dam. One of the swans had a yellow wing tag #063. This swan is part of the Ontario Trumpeter Swan program. This is the same bird that was seen last year on Upper Greenwood Lake, NJ; she is a pen. She hung around until the summer and was harassing folks at a local post office. She was

taken to the Raptor Trust, checked out, and then released with another Trumpeter. This may be the second bird.

An adult winter-plumaged **Slaty-backed Gull** was found by John Haas on 14 January. He was able to contact Arlene Borko who arrived and saw the bird as well. He refound the bird on the 16th as well. After not having seen this bird for three weeks, he then found an adult Slaty-backed in winter plumage on 6 February. This bird was in close association with a Lesser Black-backed Gull, which gave a nice comparison. The Slaty-backed was, however, paler mantled than the Lesser Black-backed Gull. The bird had all the field marks of a typical Slaty-backed Gull, but was slightly paler. The bird was seen again on 8 and 9 February as well and also was viewed by Tom Burke, Gail Benson, and Lance Verderame. The bird was seen one final time, by Valerie Freer, Mary Collier, and John Haas.

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ABBREVIATIONS

CPP – Croton Point Park; EGR – Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary; MC – Marshlands Conservancy; RNC – Rye Nature Center ; SGNWR – Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: Blue Chip Farm 26, 27 Dec (MDe, JH, ABo); 2 Willowbrook Farm, Clinton Corners 8 Feb (CV).

Snow Goose: 800 Poughkeepsie 1 Dec (WL); blue morph Blue Chip Farm 5 Dec (CG); 6 NYML 15 Dec; 5000 Pine Island 16 Jan (CM, KK).

ROSS'S GOOSE: Pine Island 16 Jan (CM, KK).

Brant: 70 CPP 15 Dec (EH).

Mute Swan: 22 Saugerties Lighthouse, Hudson R 24 Feb (SC).

TRUMPETER SWAN: 2 Croton Reservoir 27, 31 Jan (JP, GP).
Gadwall: 100 Rockland Lake 3, 28 Dec.
Eurasian Wigeon: Rockland Lake 1 Dec - 6 Feb (CW); Mamaroneck 23 Dec (NYBW); Larchmont 23 Dec (NYBW).
N. Pintail: 10 Millerton 8 Feb.
Canvasback: 2,500 Saugerties Lighthouse, Hudson R 24 Feb (SC).
Redhead: 8 Saugerties 13 Jan; 4 Port Ewen13 Jan; 10 Rockland L 15 Feb (CW).
Ring-necked Duck: 92 LaGrange 31 Jan (CV); 50 Rockland L 23 Feb (CW).
Greater Scaup: 430 EGR 7 Jan.
Lesser Scaup: 360 EGR 17 Jan.
Surf Scoter: 6 Rye 23 Dec (NYBW).
White-winged Scoter: 33 Rye 23 Dec (NYBW); 12 EGR 23 Feb.
Black Scoter: 6 Rye 23 Dec (NYBW).
Long-tailed Duck: 166 EGR 8 Dec (SB); 175 EGR 29 Jan; 300 EGR 5 Feb.
Com. Merganser: 1500 Lake Tappan 27 Dec.
Red-breasted Merganser: Neversink Res 15 Dec (LV).
PACIFIC LOON: Greenwood Lake 22-25 Dec, documentation desired; *intro.*
Horned Grebe: 2 Piermont Pier 10 Feb (DC VK).
Red-necked Grebe: 2 Neversink Res 9 Dec (JH); Rye 23 Dec (NYBW); EGR 2,7 Jan.
N. Gannet: 3 Rye 23, 25 Dec (NYBW).
Double-crested Cormorant: NYHV 1 Jan.
Great Cormorant: 56 Peekskill Bay 10 Feb (MB).
Great Egret: 2 Lake Tappan 21 Dec (BD, KMcN, CW).
Black Vulture: 49 NYHV 1 Jan ; 25 New Paltz 21 Jan (LB).
Turkey Vulture: 40 New Paltz 21 Jan (LB).

HAWKS - ALCIDS

N. Harrier: 12 SGNWR 6 Dec (CG); 8 Wallkill River NWR 6 Jan (RS); 15 Wallkill River NWR 9 Feb (CS).
Red-shouldered Hawk: SGNWR 29 Dec.
Rough-legged Hawk: 2 SGNWR 6 Dec (CG); 3 NYML 15 Dec; Poughkeepsie 24,26 Dec; 9 SGNWR 29 Dec (MDa); 2 Wallkill River NWR 6 Jan (RS); Millbrook 20 Jan; Millerton 20 Jan; 3-4 Wallkill River NWR 21, 26 Jan; 11 SGNWR 2 Feb (MDa); many other scattered reports in Jan.
Golden Eagle: Neversink 5 Dec (RD); Stissing Mt 28 Dec; New Hamburg 25 Feb (TM).
Merlin: Blue Chip Farms 1 Jan (JA,KL); 2 BWNY 23 Dec; Vassar Farm 7 Dec.
Peregrine Falcon: CPP 15 Dec.
Am. Coot: 140 Rockland L 28 Dec; 40 Sylvan L 13, 18 Jan.
Purple Sandpiper: 56 EGR 23 Dec.
Laughing Gull: 3 Rye 23 Dec (BWNY).
Bonaparte's Gull: 2 Sylvan L 8 Dec.
Iceland Gull: Kingston Point Park 3 Dec (RG); Monticello Landfill 8, 11 Dec; 2 Apollo Plaza 21 Dec (JH); 3 Kiamesha Lake 23 Dec (JH).
Lesser Black-backed Gull: Monticello Landfill 1, 11, 12 Dec; Apollo Plaza 18 Dec (JH); Blue Chip Farm 2 Feb (SW); Kiamesha L 9 Feb (RC).
Glaucous Gull: Monticello Landfill 11, 12 Dec; Apollo Plaza 18, Dec (JH); 2 Apollo Plaza 21 Dec (JH).
SLATY-BACKED GULL: SULL 14, 16 Jan, 6, 8, 9 Feb (JH, TB, GB, LV, VF, MC).

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Snowy Owl: World Peace Sanctuary, Wassaic 17 Jan (JDu).
Long-eared Owl: 2-3 CPP 9,15 Dec; 4 CPP 24 Dec (SCr); Putnam CBC 28 Dec; 5 CPP 19, 27 Jan (CR, JH); 2 SGNWR 3 Feb (MM).
Short-eared Owl: 6 SGNWR 6 Dec (CG); Neversink 30 Dec (LV); 8 SGNWR 29 Dec; 6 Wallkill River NWR 6,26 Jan (RS, ABl); 7 Wallkill River NWR 9 Feb (CS); Saugerties 15 Feb (BiR).
N. Saw-whet Owl: Pleasant Valley 28 Dec (ES, RB, BM).
Red-headed Woodpecker: Humpo Marsh, New Paltz 12 Jan (CG); Poughkeepsie 11 Feb.
N. Flicker: 71 NYHV 1 Jan.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

WESTERN KINGBIRD: Stanfordville 5 Dec (AP), 9th Dutchess record.
N. Shrike: Clinton Corners 1, 28 Dec (AP); Kingston 4 Dec (MDe); Liberty 5 Dec (RD); SGNWR 9,30 Dec; Milan 13 Dec; NYML 15 Dec; Livingston Manor 29 Dec (LV); Vasser Farms 1, 5, 10, 12,13, 29 Jan; Liberty 6 Jan; 2 Vassar Farms 16 Jan; Sloatsburg 26 Jan (TF); Yorktown 27 Jan (JDi); Vassar Farm 7, 17 Feb.

Horned Lark: 250 Blue Chip Farm 1 Dec (IW); 313 NYML 15 Dec.
E. Bluebird: 85 NYML 15 Dec.
Hermit Thrush: 13 Esopus Bend Nature Preserve 5 Jan.
Am. Robin: 1303 NYHV 1 Jan; 500 Harriman SP 25 Jan (JV); 1500 Poughkeepsie 30 Jan (CV).
Am. Pipit: 31 CPP 9, 15 Dec; 3 Rye 23 Dec (BWNY).
BOHEMIAN WAXWING: 1-2 Clements Road area, Liberty, 5-9 Dec – mid Jan; 2 Sackett L Rd, Monticello 27 Dec (JH); Esopus Bend Nature Preserve 5 Jan (ABe); 4 Harriman SP 25 Jan (JV).
Cedar Waxwing: 500 Clements Road Liberty 2 Dec (JH).

WARBLERS

Yellow-rumped Warbler: Piermont Pier 25 Feb (GB).
Palm Warbler: Rye 23 Dec (NYBW).
Yellow-breasted Chat: Hartsdale 23 Dec (NYBW).

TANAGERS - WEAVERS

Chipping Sparrow: Yankee L 1- 4 Dec (JH); 4 NYML 15 Dec.
White-crowned Sparrow: Stanfordville 6 Dec; Harcourt Wildlife Sanctuary, New Paltz 8 Dec (CG); 2 CPP 15, Dec, 19, 22 Jan (JO, PO); 8 NYML 15 Dec; LNP 23 Dec (NYBW); LaGrange 5 Jan (CV); Liberty 6 Jan; 4 Vassar Farms 16 Jan; Montgomery 3, 21, 26 Jan, 16 Feb; Pleasantville 19 Jan.
Lapland Longspur: Neversink Res 15 Dec (LV); Rye 23 Dec (NYBW).
Snow Bunting: 120 NYML 15 Dec; 30 Bashakill 18 Dec; 8 SGNWR 2 Jan; 2 Resnick Airport 5, 6 Jan; 25 Milan 4 Jan; 4 Liberty 6 Jan; 2 Vassar Farms 8 Jan.
INDIGO BUNTING: Ward Acres, New Rochelle 23 Dec (NYBW), 3rd for count, but 2nd year in a row.
E. Meadowlark: 10 SGNWR 6 Dec (CG).
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: NYHV 1 Jan, 6th Dutchess Co record.
BREWER'S BLACKBIRD: Lomontville 15 (NYML), 30 Dec (SCh, JB).
Pine Grosbeak: 5 Clements Road, Liberty 2-7 Dec (JH); 14 West Saugerties 25 Dec (CF); 20 Neversink 29 Dec (LV); 5 Quaker Hill 30 Dec; 50 Neversink 1 Jan (JA,KL); 36 Grahamsville 6, 26 Jan – 10 Feb (K&AM). Few in Ulster Co. in early Dec and single report of 3 in Orange Co. Numbers waned through Feb.
White-winged Crossbill: Wurtsboro 5 Dec (SM).
Red Crossbill: few report on CBCs in Dec.
Common Redpoll: few Liberty 2-7 Dec (JH); 30 Denning 11 Dec; 12 CPP 15 Dec; 50 NYML 15 Dec; 30 Stone Ridge 21 Dec; 72 NYHV 1 Jan; 50 Neversink 2 Jan; many other reports, Dec – Feb.
HOARY REDPOLL: at feeder Montgomery 24 Dec, 1 Jan-29 Feb (CM); photographed on 2 Jan (KMCD,EC,JG), up to 4 in the area on 6 Jan; 1 at Blue Hill Road.
Pine Siskin: few Liberty 7 Dec (JH); 15 Woodstock Jan-Feb; many other scattered reports.
Evening Grosbeak: Woodstock 3 Dec (PS); up to 40 Parksville Dec-Jan (JH); 30-50 Neversink 2 Jan- 26 Feb.

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This winter featured wild fluctuations in temperature and almost no significant snowfall until the very end of the season; what little we got soon melted and snow shovels barely made it out of the garage. Data for December show a mean temperature of 37°F at Central Park, 0.3° colder than normal. Precipitation totaled 5.22" there, 1.27" more than normal. January's mean temperature at Central Park was 36.5°, 4.4° warmer than normal, with slightly lower values at Islip where 33.8° was 2.9° above average. Chilling temps of 10° at Islip on the 4th and 5th of January quickly climbed to 64° at Islip and Central Park, 65° at JFK, and 66° at LaGuardia on the 9th and 10th. The precipitation total for January was 1.28" below average at 2.85".

Just when it seemed our Region would record its only February on record with no measurable snowfall, we saw 5.5" (Islip) to 6.9" (LaGuardia) on the 22nd -23rd. Precipitation totals recorded for the month were 5.95" at Central Park, 2.80" above normal, and 6.21" at Islip, 2.88" above normal. The mean temperature of 35.8° at Central Park and 34° at Islip, 1.2° and 1.6° warmer than normal, respectively, masked yet another series of record daily high and low temperatures, topping out at 69° at LaGuardia on the 6th, dipping to 11° at Islip on the 11th, and climbing again to 56° at Islip on the 13th and 14th. We ended the month with a low of 12° at Islip, just as the arriving blackbirds and robins had us starting to think spring.

The fall's finch flight continued into the very beginning of the winter period, as three Red Crossbills, a Purple Finch, 15 House Finches, 200 American Goldfinches, and a Pine Siskin flew past the Fire Island Hawkwatch on 1 December. Varying numbers of most species wintered, including many Red and a few White-winged crossbills, many Common Redpolls, and a few Pine Siskins. This year's extraordinary Bohemian Waxwing irruption was felt even here in Region 10, where the species is very rare.

The CBCs featured generally high species counts and good weather, but it was crucial that coastal counts slated for the windy/stormy day of 16 December, were rescheduled! The thicket birding was actually very good over all, despite the inevitable complaints, "there aren't any birds." Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were ubiquitous. The Montauk CBC tallied four species of Tyrannidae, and this staggering tally doesn't even include the count-week **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher**

that chose the day before the count for its last appearance. All six of our usual winter warblers were reported, and these were augmented this season by Nashville and Prairie warblers and Northern Waterthrush.

As has been true in most recent winters, geese were very abundant, widely distributed, and diverse. In addition to the three common species, there were multiple reports of four rare species: the fall's Pink-footed Goose at Montauk continued through the period, including the dates when a second bird was found at Stony Brook (!); 16+ Greater White-fronted Geese, several from traditional sites on Staten Island and eastern LI, but most from western LI, an unusual pattern; two Barnacle Geese, one at Sunken Meadow State Park and one continuing at Montauk from fall; and the now customary handful of "Richardson's" Cackling Geese. Although skepticism is always warranted when considering the natural status of waterfowl, gamebirds, and other species frequently kept in captivity (an attitude that should also be extended, by the way, to potentially feral individuals of common, naturally occurring species), skepticism must not be used as an excuse to ignore facts. New York's own Dominic Sherony recently published an article in which he analyzed a burgeoning body of data on the patterns of occurrence for each of these four geese in northeastern North America through 2004 (Greenland Geese in North America, Birding 40: 46-56). His carefully reasoned conclusions, that patterns of natural vagrancy exist for each of these taxa, have only been strengthened by the data accruing since 2005. To our knowledge, none of this winter's unusual geese from Region 10 showed evidence of prior captivity. Scoters were numerous and widespread, especially Black, with tens of thousands at multiple sites. Many King Eiders were recorded, and numbers of both scaup were high. Tallies of at least eight Eurasian Wigeon and five "**Eurasian" Green-winged Teal** were healthy.

A Ruffed Grouse flushed by hunters in the central eastern LI pine barrens adds to a handful of credible reports of this once common species, now nearly extirpated from LI. A detailed description or photo verifying the continued existence of this species in our Region would be most welcome.

Reports of Turkey Vulture and Bald Eagle continue to run high on LI, where until recently both were rare. It was a good year for Rough-legged Hawk and Northern Shrike in Region 10, and three-four Short-eared Owls wintering at the former Grumman property in Calverton literally became poster birds for a movement to protect this precious grassland from development.

Black-headed Gulls were reported more often than the recent norm. Alcids were well reported, with an astonishing **22 Atlantic Puffins** as early as 2 December on a Freeport pelagic trip. The revelation that this species occurs regularly in late winter over Region 10's deep pelagic waters dates back as recently as the mid 1990s, and no early winter counts remotely approaching this have accrued since then. A new state max of **49 Common Murres** on the 3 February pelagic out of Freeport is very impressive, but perhaps less surprising, in view of the dramatic increase in abundance/awareness of this species over

shallower pelagic waters south of Block Island and Long Island (see Kingbird 56, p. 178). From the 'how lucky can you get?' department, Richard Kaskan found a Black Guillemot at Montauk, then found another a month later at Shinnecock Inlet with Pat Jones. One reported at least ten miles offshore on the 3 February pelagic was in an unusual habitat for our Region.

Widespread reports of dead birds on Staten Island 21-24 December made the news. Some of the ca. 50 birds found dead on 21 December were misidentified by the media as Purple Martins! Alert birders recognized these as Common Grackles, proving the old adage, *never underestimate people's capacity to misidentify wildlife*. It was later determined that these, as well as seven European Starlings found dead on 24 December, were victims of the banned toxin Avitrol.

Region 10's many winter rarities included continuing **Pink-footed** and **Barnacle geese** at Montauk (with new-found individuals of each elsewhere in the Region), **Yellow Rail, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher**, no fewer than **four Ash-throated Flycatchers**, **Least Flycatcher,** multiple Western Kingbirds, **Bohemian Waxwing**, **Townsend's Solitaire**, and New York's first **Scott's Oriole**.

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ABBREVIATIONS

1W – 1st winter plumage; 1Y – 1st year plumage; Avalon Pres – Stony Brook SUFF; BBG – Brooklyn Botannical Garden KING; BCA – Bayard Cutting Arboretum SUFF; BH – Bridgehampton SUFF; BLSP – Belmont L SP SUFF; BP – Breezy Pt QUEE; CB – Cedar Beach T Babylon SUFF; CCP – Cupsogue CP SUFF; CHP – Conference House P RICH; CP – Central P NEWY; CRRSPP -- Connetquot R SP Pres SUFF; DH – Deep Hollow Ranch and vicinity, Mtk SUFF; DitchPl – Ditch Plains, Mtk; DOP – Dreier Offerman P KINGS; DP – Democrat Pt SUFF; EH – T East Hampton SUFF; FBF – Floyd Bennett Field KING; FT – Fort Tilden QUEE; GKP – Great Kills P RICH; Grumman – former Grumman property, Calverton SUFF; HSP – Heckscher SP SUFF; Jam Bay – Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge QUEE/KING; JBSP – Jones Beach SP NASS; JBWE – Jones Beach SP West End NASS; Jones In – NASS; LI – Long Island; Mass – Massapequa Preserve, NASS; MB – Mecox Bay SUFF; MI – Moriches Inlet SUFF; migr – migrant, migrating; MLUA – Mount Loretto Unique Area, RICH; MP – Montauk Pt SUFF; Mtk – Montauk, T EH SUFF; OMNSA – Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area NASS; OP – Orient Pt SUFF; PBP – Pelham Bay P BRON; PL – Pt Lookout NASS; PP – Prospect Park KING; QW – Quogue-Watermill SUFF; RMSP – Robert Moses SP SUFF; Sag – Sagaponack SUFF; Sagg – Sagaponack Pd SUFF; SCC -- St Charles Cemetery, Farmingdale SUFF ShI – Shelter I SUFF; Shinn – Shinnecock In SUFF; SI – Staten I RICH; SMSP – Sunken Meadow SP SUFF; ; SMCP – Smith's Pt CP SUFF; VCP – Van Cortland P BRON; WPP – Wolfe's Pd P RICH.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE: Mtk thru 20 Feb, from fall; Stony Brook Mill Pd SUFF 3 Feb thru (SSat, mob).

Greater White-fronted Goose: ad Maratooka L, SUFF 28 Nov (PG); St. John's Pd, Cold Spring Harbor NASS 8 Dec (DK); Silver L, RICH and vicinity 16 Dec thru; SCC 27-28 Dec (MC); 2 SNCBC 30 Dec; Massapequa L and vicinity, NASS 5 Jan; Valley Stream 18 Jan thru (RJK, mob); Hook Pd, EH 20 Jan (BBo); **6** Lido Beach NASS 23 Jan, discrete flock with no Canadas (RKe), see p. 103; 2 Riverhead SUFF 14 Feb (J&GF); SMSP 16 Feb (fide ABl).

Snow Goose: ad DH from fall, last reported 10 Feb; max 528 Jam Bay 15 Dec (DG); 22 Shorts Pd, BH 12 Jan; SMSP 27 Dec-10 Jan; blue forms Lido Beach 28 Dec & JBWE 12 Jan.

Brant: imm DH thru 24 Feb; 6000 Jam Bay 9 Dec (KM); 5400 PL 15 Jan (SBil); 5000 Gilgo SUFF 24 Feb (BBo); 3000 Marine P KING (RB); max 42,338 SN CBC 30 Dec.

BARNACLE GOOSE: DH and other sites in Mtk thru; SMSP 7-8 Jan (S&MB; SStu), 31 Jan (NK).
"Richardson's" Cackling Goose: Jam Bay 15 Dec; Calverton SUFF 23 Dec (AnW); Shorts Pd, Bridghampton SUFF 6-29 Jan (TWB, GB, mob); Cutchogue SUFF 16 Jan (SBil); Mattituck SUFF 16 Jan (SBil); Riverhead SUFF 10 Feb (TWB, GB).
Tundra Swan: 2 Hook Pd, EH, from fall, last reported 16 Feb; ad St. John's Pd, ad Cold Spring Harbor NASS 8-12 Dec (BBo, mob).
Wood Duck: max 30 BLSP 6 Jan (MC, RG), an exceptional number for winter; 12 Shu Swamp NASS 19 Jan (BBo); small numbers wintered widely.
Gadwall: max 280 CRSPP 28 Dec.
Eurasian Wigeon: Little Reed Pd, Mtk 4-6 Dec (DK, BM *et al*), unus loc; Cooper's Neck Pd SUFF 8 Dec (SA); Greenwood Cem KING 27 Dec; Loft Pd NASS & 2 Massapequa L NASS 30 Dec, 1-3 here thru 12 Feb); Sunset P KING 28 Jan; Setauket Harbor SUFF 15 Feb (BY).
Am. Wigeon: max 387 Setauket Harbor SUFF 15 Jan (BY).
Am. Black Duck: max 433 Millburn Pd SUFF 5 Jan (S. Schelleger).
Mallard: max 523 Marine P KING 23 Jan (RB).
Blue-winged Teal: Accabonac SUFF 15 Dec (BRu, KRu).
N. Shoveler: max 600 PP 2 Dec.
N. Pintail: small numbers widely reported thru; 1-2 cont on farm pond DH thru, scarcer east.
Green-winged Teal: max 503 SNCBC 30 Dec.
"EURASIAN" GREEN-WINGED TEAL (R10): Norman Levy P NASS 29 Dec (SA); Tobay NASS 30 Dec (TBr *et al*); Capri Pd, T Islip, SUFF 1 Jan (PJL, SM); Mass 21 Jan (JO *et al*), second ind here 12 Feb (ECo), 1-2 thru 25 Feb.
"Brewster's Duck" (Mallard x Gadwall hybrid): WPP 15 Jan thru (fide SWo).
Canvasback: max 100 St. John's Pd NASS 14 Jan; 37 Fort Pd, Mtk 8 Dec (AnW *et al*).
Redhead: max 90 Capri Pd, T Islip, SUFF, 1 Jan into Feb.
Ring-necked Duck: max 127 CRSPP 28 Dec.
Greater Scaup: 89 DP 28 Dec (DS, SSM), migr; 5000 Dyker Beach KING 22 Jan; 5000 Jam Bay 24 Feb; 2000 BP 18 Dec; 2000 FT 2 Jan; 2000 GKP 5 Jan; 1000 JBSP 14 Jan (JGi); max est 25200 Gravesend Bay KINGS 12 Feb (SBl).
Lesser Scaup: 17 DP 28 Dec (DS, SSM), migr; 1000 Jam Bay 17 Feb; max est 2800 Gravesend Bay KINGS 12 Feb (SBl).
King Eider: at least 10 Mtk (2 ad m, 1 imm m, and one f MP and 5 imm males and 3 f DitchPl, on various dates); imm m JBWE 25 Dec; imm m Bayville NASS 1 Jan thru (TWB, GB, mob).
Com. Eider: est 10000 MP 8 Dec (AnW); 5000 off Mtk village 30 Dec (AnW); 25 Jones In 18 Dec; max 15000 MP 5 Jan (SBil); 10 Shinn 12 Jan; also sm numbers OP, Bayville NASS, DOP.
Harlequin Duck: PL/Jones In: f & imm m 1 Dec, first rep, 1-4 inds (f & 3 m) reported thru 8 Feb; DitchPl: m & 2 f 8 Dec, first rep (AnW et al), 3-5 rep thru 19 Jan; other locs: 2 Rockaway QUEE 15 Dec; m MP 30 Dec (MM); m CB SUFF 26 Feb (K&SF).
Surf Scoter: 2000 DP 28 Dec; est 500 JBSP 14 Jan (JGi); est 10000 MP 19 Jan.
White-winged Scoter: est 20000 MP 30 Dec (AnW); 100 DP 28 Dec; est 10000 MP 5 Jan (SSM, PJL).
Black Scoter: 10000 DP 28 Dec (DS, SSM); 2000 MP 19 Jan; est 15000 JBSP 14 Jan (JGi); 10000 MP 9 Feb.
Long-tailed Duck: max 3000+ FT 17 Dec (BC, EL), 3000 DP 28 Dec.
Bufflehead: max 426 Jam Bay 15 Dec (DG).
Com. Goldeneye: 15 MB 6 Dec (SBia), first report; max 150 Southampton SUFF 5 Jan (SBil), 120 GKP 9 Feb (HF).
Barrow's Goldeneye: m Bayville/Centre Is NASS 8 Dec thru, presumably same bird returning annually since at least 1999; f E Marion SUFF 30 Dec intermittently seen thru 3 Feb (AJL), returning for its 3rd winter here.
Hooded Merganser: 5 "well out to sea" on pelagic 2 Dec (PGu *et al*); max 288 Millburn Pd NASS 5 Jan (StSch), 130 Halsey Neck Pd, T Southampton SUFF 8 Dec (HM).
Red-breasted Merganser: max 500 BP 18 Dec (DG); 150 JBWE 24 Dec (MA); 150 Jam Bay 17 Feb.
Com. Merganser: 34 Shinn 8 Jan (BY); 30 SMSP 27 Dec (JGl); 29 Hook Pd, EH 13 Jan; max 75 Blydenburgh SP SUFF 24 Feb (GQ); smaller numbers sparsely but widely reported from lakes and ponds in Reg.

Ruddy Duck: max 500 Jam Bay 12 Jan; 340 CP 3 Feb (KM).
Ring-necked Pheasant: declining, but reported on several LI CBCs; max 8 SI CBC 15 Dec.
RUFFED GROUSE (R10): bird flushed by hunters Sarnoff Pres, E Quogue SUFF 18 Jan (fide DH), details desired; *intro.*
Wild Turkey: reported from e SUFF where increasing: Wainscott (29), Grumman (5), and Mtk (11); 106 SI CBC 15 Dec; Battery P, NEWY 13 Jan (KM).
N. Bobwhite: 3 Orient CBC 29 Dec, only report.
Red-throated Loon: min total est 370 MB to Wainscott SUFF 8-9 Dec (AnW) and est 1360 Hither Hills to Camp Hero, Mtk 30 Dec (AnW); 364 Sagg to Amagansett SUFF 13 Jan (AnW, KRu, BRu); 100+ Sagg 26 Jan (BC); 60+ SMCP 24 Jan (CS); 34 Freeport pelagic 3 Feb (PGu *et el*).
Com. Loon: 525 Hither Hills to Camp Hero, Mtk 30 Dec (AnW); 88 Freeport pelagic 3 Feb (PGu *et al*).
Pied-billed Grebe: widely reported this winter inc max 8 CRSPP 28 Dec.
Horned Grebe: present in low numbers from shore points; max 82 Jam Bay 15 Dec (DG).
Red-necked Grebe: MP 6 Dec (SBl), first of many widespread reports; max 4 Culloden Pt, Mtk 30 Dec (AnW).
Eared Grebe: City Is BRON 23 Dec (SWa).
N. Fulmar: 12 (1 dm) Freeport pelagic 2 Dec (PGu *et al*); 18+ Freeport pelagic 3 Feb (PGu *et al*).
N. Gannet: 250 Freeport pelagic 2 Dec (PGu *et al*); 2100 Queens CBC 15 Dec; 110 Freeport pelagic 3 Feb (PGu *et al*).
Great Cormorant: max 18 FBF 15 Dec (RB).
Am. Bittern: 1-3 Dune Rd SUFF 1 Dec thru; 7 SN CBC 30 Dec; a few reported from e LI CBCs.
Great Blue Heron: max 12 Jam Bay 12 Jan; 11 Lane Is, Shinnecock SUFF 5 Jan (JGl et al).
Great Egret: multiple and widespread reports early but scarce after Jan.
Snowy Egret: MB **13 Jan** (DA, SH); poss same ind Watermill SUFF 20 Jan (BBo).
Little Blue Heron: JBSP on SN CBC **30 Dec**.
Black-crowned Night-Heron: 25 Caymans Pd NASS 5 Jan.
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: N Nassau CBC 22 Dec.
Turkey Vulture: increasing; about a dozen reports preceding start of migr late Feb, from Manhattan, SI, and e LI.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: late or wintering birds inc: CRSPP 2 Dec (KF); 2 BCA 9 Dec (KF); BCA 23 Dec (JGl); Leeds Pd, Port Washington NASS early Dec; DH 15 Dec; E Marion SUFF 6 Feb (TM), possible early arrival.
Bald Eagle: ca.10 reports various ages 15 Dec-15 Feb from BRON, SI, QUEE, and e LI.
N. Harrier: wintered in usual numbers at grasslands and marshes, notably at Grumman.
Sharp-shinned Hawk: wintered in small numbers throughout Reg.
Cooper's Hawk: increasingly common throughout Reg, e.g. 13 Brooklyn CBC 15 Dec; 14 SN CBC 30 Dec.
N. Goshawk: 12 reports thru from NEWY, BRON, RICH, KING, and SUFF, more than usual.
Red-shouldered Hawk: ad WPP 1 Dec (HF); imm CP 3 Dec (TF); Northville SUFF 12-13 Dec & 29 Jan (MLL); ad CP 21 Dec (PPos); N Nass CBC 22 Dec; ad Westmoreland Tree Farm SUFF 29 Jan (NH).
Rough-legged Hawk: around 20 reports involving up to 32 birds from NEWY, BRON, KING, QUEE, NASS, and e SUFF; notable were: CP 4 Dec (TF, LK ph), unus loc; 4 Mtk CBC 15 Dec; up to 3 Grumman 23 Dec thru; 3 (2 dm, 1 lm) Sag 18 Dec (J&GF, PJL).
Am. Kestrel: wintered widely but sparsely throughout Reg, notably at Grumman thru.
Merlin: wintered widely, e.g. 5 Montuak CBC 15 Dec; 9 SNCBC 30 Dec.
Peregrine Falcon: wintered widely throughout Reg; 9 reports from NEWY involving up to 13 inds is more than usual from this area.
YELLOW RAIL: Oak Beach Marsh SUFF, Captree CBC 28 Dec (K&SF), astonishing threepeat!
Clapper Rail: OMNSA count week SN CBC 30 Dec, only report.
Am. Coot: max 144 Roe Blvd, Patchogue SUFF 6 Dec (BY).

Black-bellied Plover: max 102 JBWE 20 Feb; 80 Shinn 23 Feb.
Semipalmated Plover: multiple reports for this normally rare winterer: near Shinn 8 Dec (SA, GH), 2 Hubbard Creek CP SUFF QW CBC 15 Dec; 2 Fresh Kills SI CBC15 Dec; 2 SN CBC 30 Dec.
Killdeer: generally small numbers from CBCs; max 21 SI CBC 15 Dec.
Am. Oystercatcher: up to 26 JBWE 14 Dec-14 Jan.
Greater Yellowlegs: 3 QW CBC 15 Dec; 2 SMSP 27 Dec (JGl); Smithtown CBC 27 Dec; Orient CBC 29 Dec; Three Mile Harbor, EH 6 Jan; 3 E Quogue 26 Jan (OB); 1 Mass 27 Jan thru.
Lesser Yellowlegs: 2 Accabonac Harbor Mtk CBC 15 Dec (PPol, BPf); Goethels Bridge Pd SI CBC 15 Dec; Loop Pkwy SN CBC 30 Dec.
Willet: E Quogue SUFF 15 Dec, 10 Jan; JBWE 22 Dec-3 Feb.
Spotted Sandpiper: Orient CBC at Greenport 29 Dec (JBrSr, JBrJr).
Ruddy Turnstone: 64 SN CBC 30 Dec, new max for count.
Red Knot: 13 Oak Beach 1 Dec; 4 PL 29 Dec.
Sanderling: max 400 PL 24 Dec (MA).
Western Sandpiper: Lido Beach NASS 17 Jan (StSch).
"peep" sp.: SN CBC 30 Dec (SBl).
Dunlin: max 1000 PL 8 Jan (DG).
Long-billed Dowitcher: 10 Mass 30 Dec, at least 7 lingered thru.
Wilson's Snipe: max 7 Mass 9 Feb.
Am. Woodcock: sm numbers from CBCs, max 4 SI CBC.
Pomarine Jaeger: Freeport pelagic 2 Dec (PGu *et al*).
Laughing Gull: 26 Freeport pelagic 2 Dec (PGu *et al*); CP to 4 Dec (TF); 2 MP 12 Dec (VB); Three Mile Harbor EH 16 Dec (BPf), all late; Smithtown CBC 27 Dec & Southold 29 Dec, very late.
Little Gull: imm Mtk CBC 15 Dec (HM, BPf); Sag CBC 16 Dec; ad Jones In 22-24 Dec (ECo, mob); 1W JBWE 25 Dec (DG, JP) & PL 26, 28 Dec; ad Gilgo 23, 24, 27 Feb (SSM et al).
Black-headed Gull: 1W L Mtk Inlet 7-15 Dec (TWB, GB, mob); ad PL 21-22 Dec & JBWE 24 Dec (DG, mob); 1W SMSP 27 Dec-18 Jan, 11 Feb (JGL, mob); Jones In 30 Dec; imm PL 5, 13 & 15 Jan (K&SF, mob); ad Reynold's Channel, Long Beach NASS 13 Jan (R.Kelly); 1W JBSP 14 Jan (J&GF); 1W Watermill SUFF 21 Jan (RKr); ad Shinn 30 Jan (ABa); ad Aquebogue 10 Feb (ABa); ad Malibu Beach NASS 14-15 Feb (K&SF, mob); 1W JBSP 17 Feb (SA); 1W Gilgo 24 Feb (TWB et al).
Bonaparte's Gull: max 750-1000 Jones In-Meadowbrook Pkwy Bridge 14 Dec (KF); 800 Malibu Beach NASS 26 Dec (RJ), most likely same group; many by recent years' standard; 200-300 Malibu Beach NASS east to Gilgo thru end Feb.
Ring-billed Gull: max 800 Belt Pkwy KING 29 Dec.
Herring Gull: 1200 PL 24 Dec (MA).
THAYER'S GULL: gull thought to be this spec found PL 19 Jan (SA) and poss seen by SSM and PJL later, could not be relocated later for confirmation.
Iceland Gull: 27 reports involving perhaps 32 inds 2 Dec- 27 Feb, inc: 2 imm Freeport pelagic 2 Dec (PGu *et al*); ad Shinn 22 Dec-17 Feb, unmarked ind has returned here for many winters; 2 1W PL 15 Jan; 3 ads, one 1W Freeport pelagic 3 Feb (PGu *et al*).
Lesser Black-backed Gull: numerous widespread reports thru involving at least 39 inds inc: 3 Freeport pelagic 2 Dec (PGu et al); 3 1W, 2 2W, 3 3W, 2 ads Freeport pelagic 3 Feb (PGu *et al*).
Glaucous Gull: Brooklyn CBC 15 Dec; 1Y Shinn 23 Dec; imm JBSP6 1 Jan (MBo, KJ); 1Y Argyle L, Babylon SUFF (MC; RG); imm Shinn 27-29 Jan; 1Y MP 28 Jan (VB); Ml 29 Jan; 2 (ad, 1W) Freeport pelagic 3 Feb (PGu *et al*), last.
Great Black-backed Gull: max 60 Silver L SI 1 Jan (CB).
Black-legged Kittiwake: 90 Freeport pelagic 2 Dec (PGu *et al*); ad L Mtk In 8 Dec (AnW) &15 Dec (PJL; AGu); 2 MP 15 Dec; ad MP 27 Dec (DS, SSM, PJL); 9 ads Mtk s shore 30 Dec (AnW); ad MP 15 Jan (DF); ad MP 29 Jan (PJL, SSM); MP 2 & 3 Feb; 66+ Freeport pelagic 3 Feb (PGu *et al*); 7 MP and 6 DitchPl, all ads, 9 Feb (PJL, SSM).
"Nelson's" Gull (Glaucous x Herring hybrid): 1-2 Freeport pelagic 3 Feb (PGu *et al*).
Forster's Tern: SN CBC 30 Dec, very late.
Dovekie: 316 Freeport pelagic 2 Dec (PGu *et al*); MB Sag CBC 16 Dec (RV, TWB, GB); Jones In 24 Dec; Culloden Pt, Mtk 12 Jan (SA, GH); dead bird found at Shinn 13

Jan (BA, CS); MP 19 Jan (PJL); 106 Freeport pelagic 3 Feb (PGu *et al*).
COMMON MURRE: 49 Freeport pelagic 3 Feb (PGu *et al*), new NYS max; see KB 56: 177-185.
THICK-BILLED MURRE: DitchPl 19 Jan (SSM); Freeport pelagic 3 Feb (PGu *et al*); Shinn 17 Feb.
Razorbill: generally low numbers all season except major influx of 286 Mtk s shore & Culloden Pt 30 Dec (AnW) & single site max 130 MP 15 Jan (DF); 2 Freeport pelagic 2 Dec (PGu *et al*); 96 Freeport pelagic 3 Feb (PGu *et al*); other sites inc Shinn, EH, OP, Jones In, Gilgo SUFF, Gravesend Bay KING.
Black Guillemot: MP 2 Dec (RKa); Shinn 21-23 Dec (PJ, RKa, mob); MP 19 Jan (VB); Freeport pelagic 3 Feb (PGu *et al*), unusually far from shore at >10 mi.
ATLANTIC PUFFIN: 22 Freeport pelagic 2 Dec (PGu *et al*); 10 Freeport pelagic 3 Feb (PGu et *al*).

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Mourning Dove: 300 Sag 18 Dec.
Monk Parakeet: 2 in nest Hampton Bays SUFF last seen alive 10 Jan, then found dead, presumed electrocuted in storm; sev reports Manhattan upper w side mid Jan, new loc?
Barn Owl: SI CBC15 Dec; SN CBC30 Dec; Shinn 5 Jan (EL, SBil).
Great Horned Owl: 2 SN CBC at HLSP 30 Dec, prob new nest loc?
Snowy Owl: BP 8 Dec; Glen Cove NASS yard 16 Dec; Centre I NASS 22 Dec; Shinn 29 Dec-19 Feb (JClJr, JClSr, mob); Eaton's Neck, Northport SUFF late Dec-21 Jan; JBWE 8 Jan (DG); SPCP 16 Jan; Napeague SUFF 23 Jan (CS, ES).
Long-eared Owl: 2 wintered JBWE, remains of one found 17 Jan; 2 wintered CP; Peconic SUFF 4 Jan (KH); at least 4 wintered PBP.
Short-eared Owl: 3-4 wintered Grumman thru; BP 18 Dec (DG); JBWE 19 Dec (PPos); 4 Brooklyn CBC 15 Dec; Shinn 5 Jan-thru; SPCP 24 Jan (CS); CCP 23 Feb (AK).
N. Saw-whet Owl: JBWE early Dec – 27 Jan; dead on road Georgica Pd SUFF 9 Dec (HM); DH 15 Dec (PJL, SSM); overlook near DH 26 Jan (DP, TBa); dead on road Riverhead SUFF 10 Feb (SSM); 14 PBP,13 of these banded 28 Dec-28 Feb (DP, TBa, LF et al); Grumman 16 Feb (DP, TBa); also reported from FT.
selasphorus sp: St. John's Cemetery, Oyster Bay N NASS CBC 22 Dec, details desired.
Belted Kingfisher: max 32 Central Suffolk CBC 22 Dec..
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: numerous and widespread reports of wintering birds thru; 14 Smithtown CBC 27 Dec; sap wells of famous ind at Union Sq NEWY may have attracted Scott's Oriole; this bird remained til mid Feb.
N. Flicker: max 20 Oak Beach SUFF 21 Dec.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Least Flycatcher: Mtk CBC Amagansett **15 Dec** (BPf, HM, AnW, ph).
E. Phoebe: DH 1 Dec (HM), prob same bird lingered to at least 15 Dec (SSM); SI CBC 15 Dec; N NASS CBC 22 Dec; Grumman 21 Jan (RKr), prob same bird here 31 Jan.
ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: Jam Bay thru 1-2 Dec; DOP 1 Dec (TP *et al*!); Rita's Horse Farm, Mtk 4-7 Dec (PJL), 15 Dec (BBe), from fall; Brooklyn CBC Marine P 15 Dec.
Western Kingbird: DH thru 1 Dec, 11-15 Dec; Brooklyn CBC Bergen Beach 15 Dec (RC, J&AZ, ph).
SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: imm Mtk 3-14 Dec (DF, JW, NH, mob!).
N. Shrike: many: Dune Rd e of MB 9 Dec (AnW), impaled and fed on m Downy Woodpecker, see pp. 104; 2 Acabonac EH 15 Dec; QW CBC 15 Dec; 3 N NASS CBC 22 Dec; ad Grumman 23-24 Dec (AnW, mob); SMSP 26-27 Dec (K&SF, mob); SN CBC Loop Pkwy 30 Dec (DF); imm Napeague SUFF 30 Dec-23 Jan (AnW, mob); MLUA 8 Jan thru (TF, mob); Cutchogue SUFF 27 Jan (PJL); E Lake Dr, Mtk 9 Feb (J&GF, mob); Rt 51 Eastport SUFF 10 Feb (CS, SS; ABa).
White-eyed Vireo: DOP 1 Dec (TP), late.
Fish Crow: max 14 Jam Bay 15 Dec (DG).
Horned Lark: 82 SCC 4 Jan; 62 FBF 10 Jan; 100 Sep's Farm SUFF 1 Feb; smaller flocks noted along beaches thru.
Tree Swallow: max 119 GKP 19 Jan (HF, ECa); small numbers noted Captree I SUFF in Dec & JBSP thru early Feb; 10 or so wintered along Ocean Pkwy near CB thru.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 22 CRSPP 28 Dec.
House Wren: N Nassau CBC 22 Dec; Orient CBC Jessup's Neck 29 Dec; SN CBC 30 Dec; Avalon Pres 8 Jan (SBil).
Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 19 CRSPP 28 Dec.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 17 SN CBC 30 Dec, new max for count; 11 SI CBC 15 Dec; a few lingered at VCP, CP, PP, JBWE, CRSSP, SI into Jan, last ShI 26 Jan.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: Napeague SUFF **1 Dec** (LB, BN), late.
E. Bluebird: max 20 Springs, EH 22 Dec (KRu, BRu).
TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE: Oak Beach SUFF 20 Dec-17 Feb at least (KT, mob!).
Hermit Thrush: most numerous on e LI CBCs, e.g., 28 Mtk CBC 15 Dec.
Am. Robin: max single site 300 E Lake Dr, Mtk 15 Jan (DF); spring movements noted 2nd week Feb.
Am. Pipit: "well offshore" Freeport pelagic 2 Dec (PGu *et al*); max 63 Horsemill La BH 16 Dec; 62 Mecox Rd BH 5 Jan; other scattered inds and small flocks wintered mostly e LI; last report DH 2 Feb.
BOHEMIAN WAXWING (R10): 3 Sag CBC 16 Dec (AnW, AGu); 2 JBWE 18 Dec (K&SF); 2 Oak Beach 21 Dec (SBil *et al*); 6 Oak Beach 22 Dec (AGi); BG 22 Dec (DG); 2 Sands Pt Pres, Pt Washington SUFF 22 Dec (GQ) & one here 24 Dec (JR, GSt).
Cedar Waxwing: widely reported inc: 81 Daniels La BH 9 Dec (AnW); 100 PP 26 Dec; 125 Sands Pt Pres SUFF 22 Dec (GQ); max 150 SMSP 27 Dec (JGl).

WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler: Dune Rd e Mecox 9 Dec-15 Jan (AnW); Mtk 15 Dec (SSM); QW CBC 15 Dec; BP 18 Dec; Tobay 20 Dec (PJL); DOP 25 Dec (AxW); JBWE 26-30 Dec; Orient CBC 29 Dec; Shinn 17 Jan (SBil *et al*); OMNSA 18 Jan (PJL); Gin Beach MTK 23 Jan (K&SF); Lemon Creek P, RICH 15 Feb (SWo, EJ).
Nashville Warbler: CP 8 Dec, late
Yellow-rumped Warbler: highest CBC count 926 SN CBC.
Pine Warbler: Napeague SUFF 15 Dec (LB); Georgica SUFF 16 Dec (RMcG); 2 E Quogue 22 Dec (OB); PP 22 Dec (DG); SI 27 Feb (CN).
Prairie Warbler: OPSP **29 Dec** (SBia, CG).
Palm Warbler: *palmarum* DH 15 Dec; *hypochrysea* Mtk 15 Dec (PJL); 2 Sag 18 Dec (JF); *palmarum* OMNSA 30 Dec, 18 Jan.
N. Waterthrush: CP 17 Dec; prob same bird CP Zoo 31 Dec-20 Jan, late.
Com. Yellowthroat: N NASS CBC 22 Dec; Spuyten Duyvil BRON 23 Dec; Mass 30 Dec; w side Manhattan NEWY 22 Jan.
Yellow-breasted Chat: many: PP 5 Dec-16 Jan (AxW); Jam Bay 14 Dec; Mtk 14 Dec; 2 Brooklyn CBC 15 Dec; QW CBC 15 Dec; 2 Sag CBC 16 Dec; BH 16-17 Dec; BBG 21 Dec; ShI 29 Dec; Avalon Pres 8 Jan-7 Feb; CP 19 Jan-12 Feb; E Quogue SUFF 21-31 Jan; Oak Beach SUFF 30 Jan.

TANAGERS - WEAVERS

E. Towhee: good numbers wintered, e.g., 45 Mtk CBC 15 Dec.
Chipping Sparrow: CP 12 Dec (PPos); 8 Mtk CBC 15 Dec; Sag CBC 16 Dec; Woodlawn Cem BRON 23 Dec; 11 SN CBC 30 Dec.
Clay-colored Sparrow: Brooklyn CBC 15 Dec.
Vesper Sparrow: Brooklyn CBC 15 Dec; 2 Calverton SUFF 3 Feb.
Savannah Sparrow: max 20 Calverton 16 Feb (BF).
"Ipswich" Sparrow: CB 6 Dec (K&SF); Gin Beach, Mtk 12 Dec (VB); Sag CBC 16 Dec; 2 PL 21 Dec (DG); 2 Shinn 5 Jan (JGl); ShI 29 Dec; e side Jones In 16 Feb (MM); Gilgo 23 Feb (SSM, PJL).
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow: 2 *subvirgatus* OMNSA 30 Dec (SDA, PJL, SSM, B&MMcB), first for SN CBC.
Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow: Montauk CBC 15 Dec (AnW).
Fox Sparrow: "well offshore" Freeport pelagic 2 Dec (PGu *et al*); 30 Sag CBC 16 Dec.
Lincoln's Sparrow: Dam Pond Pres, E Marion SUFF **16 Feb** (BC).
White-throated Sparrow: "well offshore" Freeport pelagic 2 Dec (PGu *et al*).
White-crowned Sparrow: max 9 Cook's La BH 16 Dec, among 47 found on Sag CBC; 29 Orient CBC 29 Dec; 1-3 reported from other locs and CBCs in Dec; no Jan or Feb reports.

Dark-eyed Junco: "well offshore" Freeport pelagic 2 Dec (PGu *et al*).
Lapland Longspur: DH 15 Dec (TWB); Sag CBC 16 Dec (RV, TWB); BP 18 Dec (DG); 2 VCP 23 Dec; Malibu Beach NASS 26 Dec (RJ).
Snow Bunting: total 500 SN CBC 30 Dec, new max for count; max single flock 300 JBSP 8 Jan (DG); 200 BP 22 Dec; flocks of 40-50 thru from Jacob Riis P QUEE, VCP, CB, Tiana Beach SUFF, Napeague SUFF, DH.
Indigo Bunting: f plum Scuttlehole, Bridgehampton 14 Dec (DF), rare in winter.
Red-winged Blackbird: "well offshore" Freeport pelagic 2 Dec (PGu *et al*); small flocks wintered throughout Reg.
E. Meadowlark: max 50 Wertheim NWR SUFF 20 Feb; max 50 Grumman 17 Dec (J&GF), wintered thru; 4 Brooklyn CBC 15 Dec; 4 Captree I SUFF 25 Dec (KF); 12 Orient CBC 29 Dec; 2 Rt 51 SUFF 12 Feb.
Rusty Blackbird: small numbers widely reported thru; max 15 VCP 22 Feb; 14 PP 22 Feb (CF).
Com. Grackle: ca. 50 birds poisoned by banned toxin Great Kills SI 21 Dec, misidentified in news reports, were mostly this spec; 75,000-100,000 Northville SUFF 21 Dec (PJL); 50,000 Baiting Hollow SUFF 15 Jan (PJL); 2000+ Hylan Blvd SI 8 Jan (HF), 1000+ VCP 20 Jan (YG) & 1000+ CP during Feb (TF), many for metro area.
Boat-tailed Grackle: up to 27 Shinn thru; 65 SN CBC 30 Dec.
Brown-headed Cowbird: 200 FBF 2 Jan (DG); "thousands" Baiting Hollow 15 Jan (PJL).
Baltimore Oriole: CB 6 Dec (K&SF); imm, ad CP 7, 30 Dec; CHP 14-15 Dec (RV); f Stony Brook SUFF feeder 17 Dec; PBP 23 Dec; imm SMSP 31 Dec (JGl); Westhampton SUFF 5 Jan (HB); PP 6-19 Jan (RJ).
SCOTT'S ORIOLE: Union Square P NEWY early Dec-8 Feb, 19-21 Feb (AD, mob), then remained mostly undetected in Lower Manhattan thru. Not properly identified until 23 Jan.
Purple Finch: RMSP 1 Dec, still migr; wintered in small numbers widely; notable was single loc max 23 Paumanoke Path, Amagansett SUFF 21 Dec (KRu, BRu); 36 Mtk CBC 15 Dec.
House Finch: 15 RMSP 1 Dec, continuation of fall migr.
Red Crossbill: 3 still migr RMSP 1 Dec (SSM, PJL); 8-40 DH 1 Dec-end Jan, cont from fall; 16 CB SUFF 6 Dec; 5 HSP 9 Dec (KF); 9 EH 6 Dec; 26 Georgica SUFF 9 Dec (HM); 74 Mtk CBC 15 Dec (inc. DH flock); 19 QW CBC 15 Dec; Queens CBC 15 Dec; DP Captree CBC 28 Dec (PJL); 32 SN CBC 30 Dec; 20 Dune Rd e Mecox 12 Jan (K&SF); 9 EH 6 Feb (HM); 19 Dune Rd near Shinn 10 Feb.
White-winged Crossbill: Amagansett SUFF 5 Jan (RW); f ShI 29 Jan (NH) and f 10, 16 Feb ShI (OB), prob same ind.
Com. Redpoll: dozens of widespread reports throughout Reg thru; notable were: 2 landed on boat well offshore Freeport pelagic 2 Dec (PGu *et al*); 44 total SN CBC 30 Dec; 50 Dune Rd near Shinn 5, 17 Jan; max 75+ Goethels Bridge Pd RICH 13 Jan; 40-50 Avalon Pres 9 Feb (JGl).
Pine Siskin: widespread reports in small numbers; RMSP 1 Dec, still migr; max 20 CRSSP mid Dec thru; 21 Orient CBC 29 Dec.
Am. Goldfinch: 200 RMSP 1 Dec, still migr; "well offshore" Freeport pelagic 2 Dec (PGu *et al*).

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STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS

Regional rarities appear in BOLD; county names are shortened to their first four letters and appear in UPPER CASE letters; months are shortened to their first three letters. In species accounts: number of individuals omitted implies that one individual was reported; ! - details seen by Regional Editor; ad - adult; Alt - Alternate plumage; Am. - American; arr - arrival or first of season; BBS - Breeding Bird Survey; BOTS - bird of the season; CBC - Christmas Bird Count; CO - confirmed nesting; Com. - Common; E. - Eastern; FL - fledgling; FY - adult feeding young; I - Island; imm - immature; *intro* - see introduction to report; juv - juvenile; L - Lake; max - maximum; mob - multiple observers; N. - Northern; NYSDEC - New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; NWR - National Wildlife Refuge; NYSARC - report to New York State Avian Records Committee; P - park; Pd - Pond; ph - photographed; Pt - Point; Res - Reservoir; Ri - River; SP - State Park; spm - specimen; subad - subadult; T - Town of; thru - throughout period; Twn - township; W. - Western; WMA - Wildlife Management Area; y - young.

REPORTING REGIONS

Regional boundaries coincide with county lines, except at:

Region 1-Region 2 in Orleans, Genesee and Wyoming Counties:
the boundary is NY Route 98 from Pt. Breeze to Batavia; NY Route 63 from Batavia to Pavilion, and NY Route 19 from Pavilion to the Allegany County line.

Region 2-Region 3 in Ontario County:
the boundary is Mud Creek to NY Route 64, NY Route 64 from Bristol Center to S. Bristol Springs, and Route 21 from S. Bristol Springs to the Yates County line.

Region 3-Region 5 in Cayuga County:
the boundary is NY Route 31.

REPORTING DEADLINES

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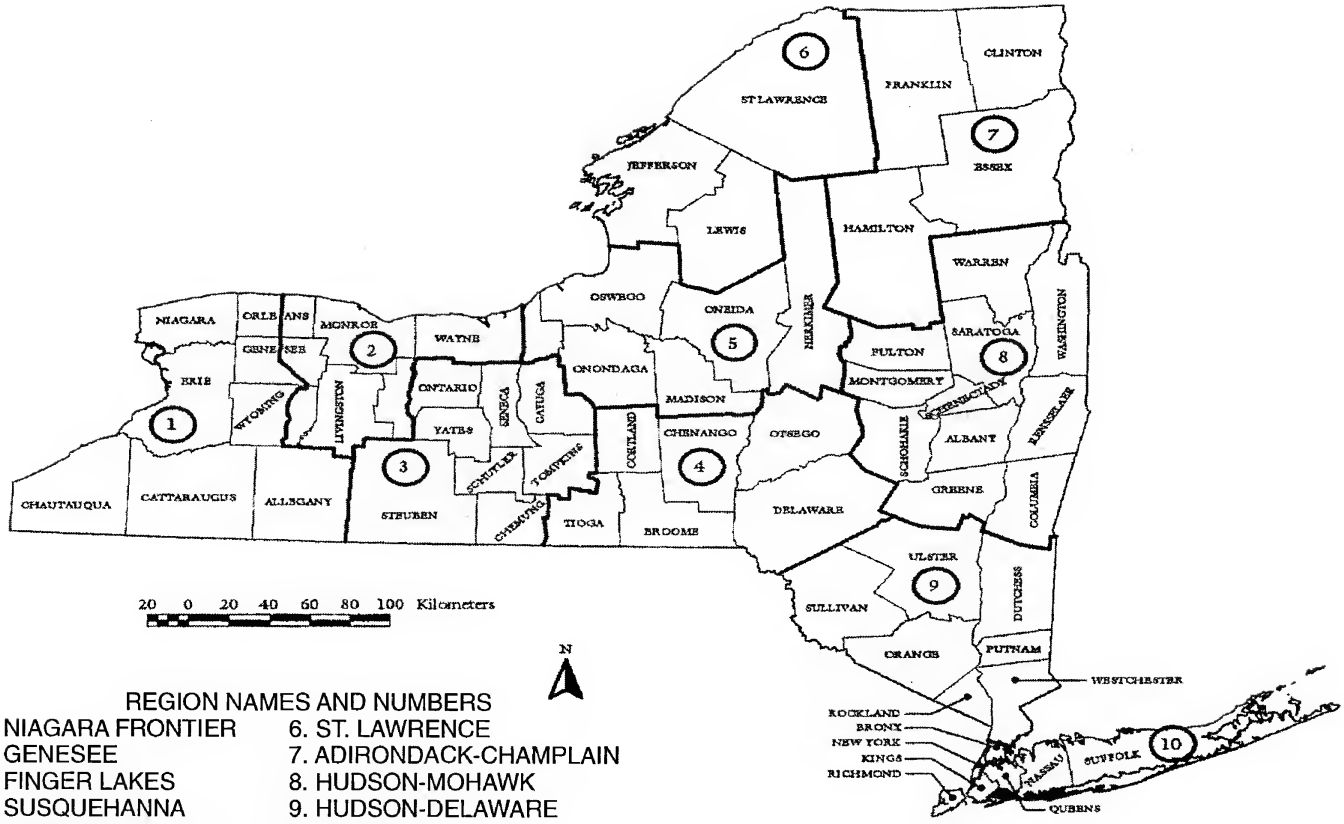

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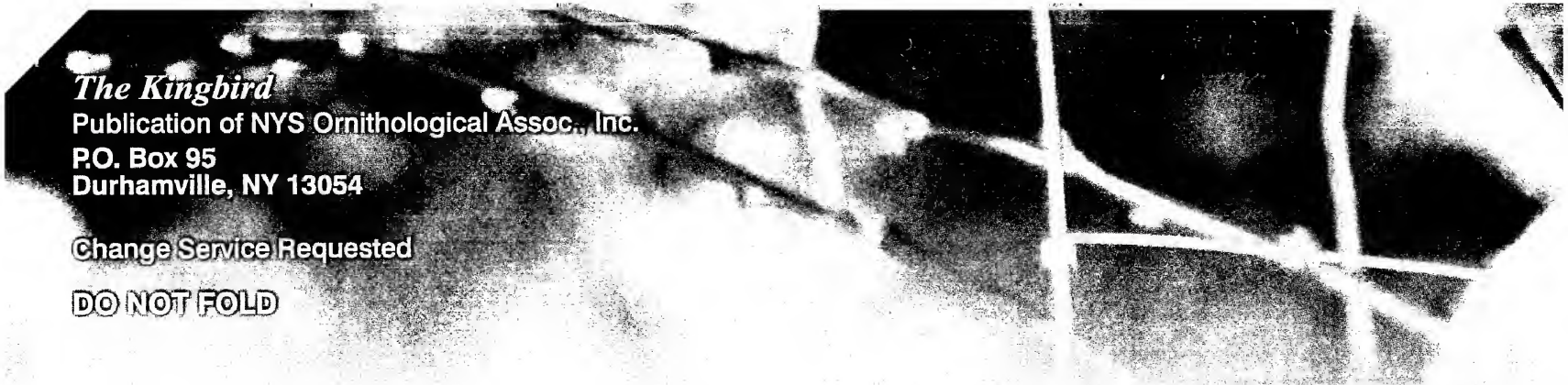

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